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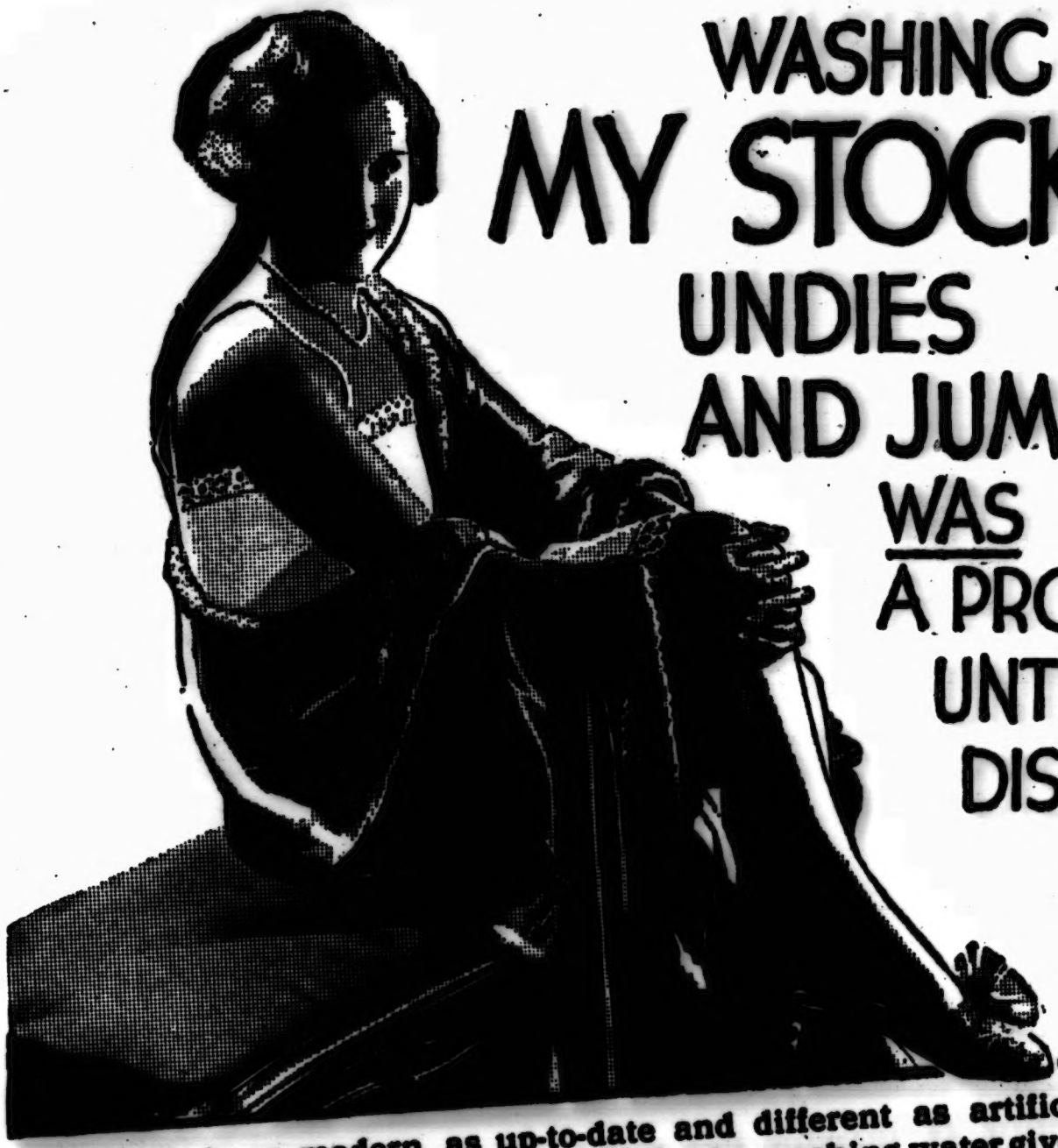

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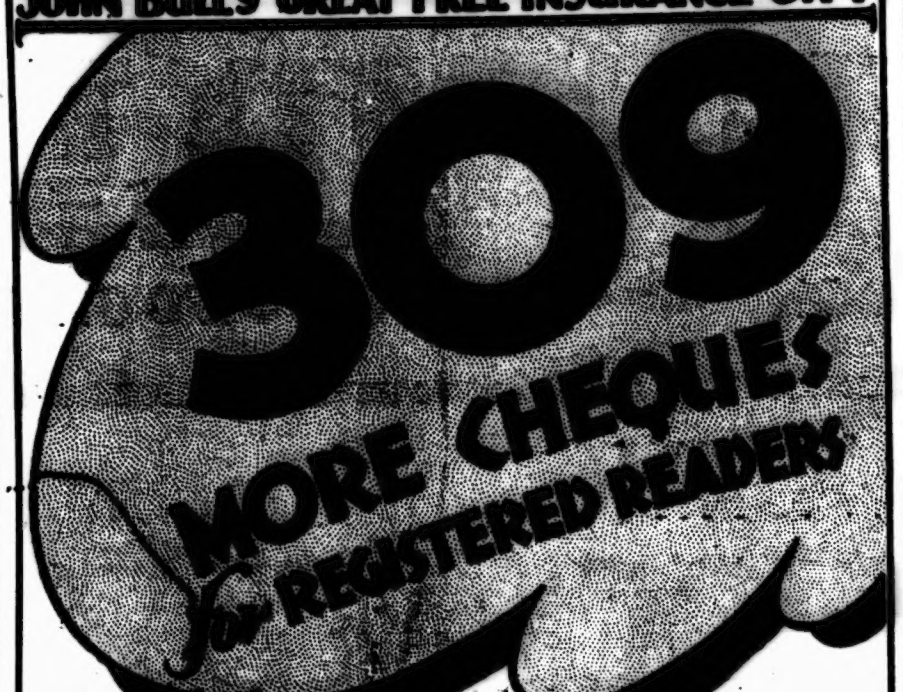


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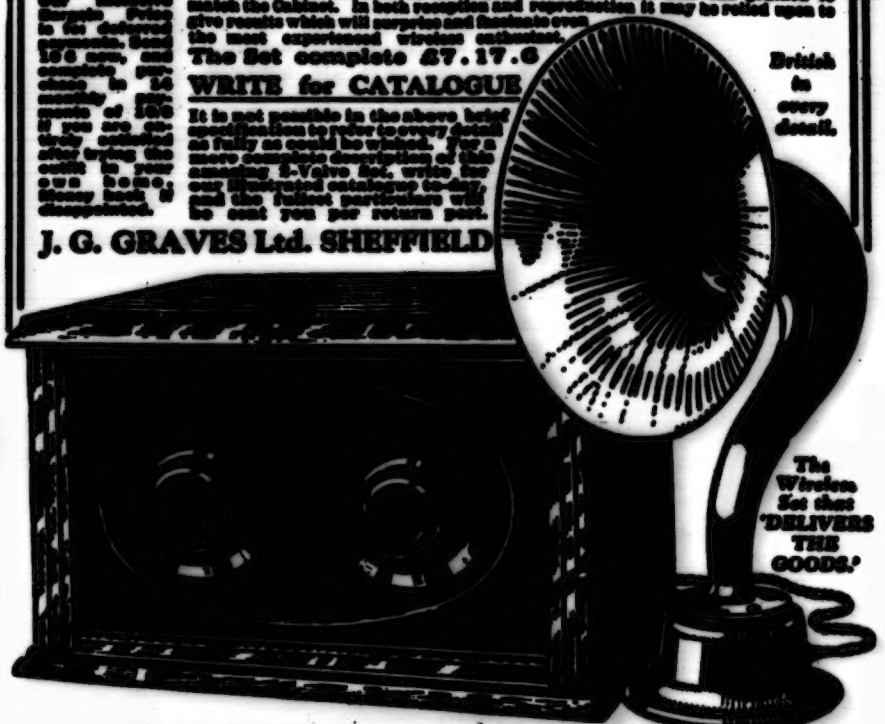

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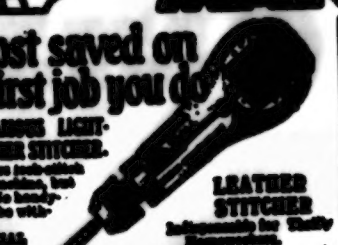

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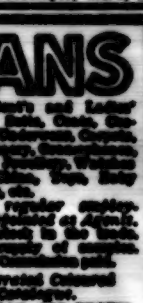

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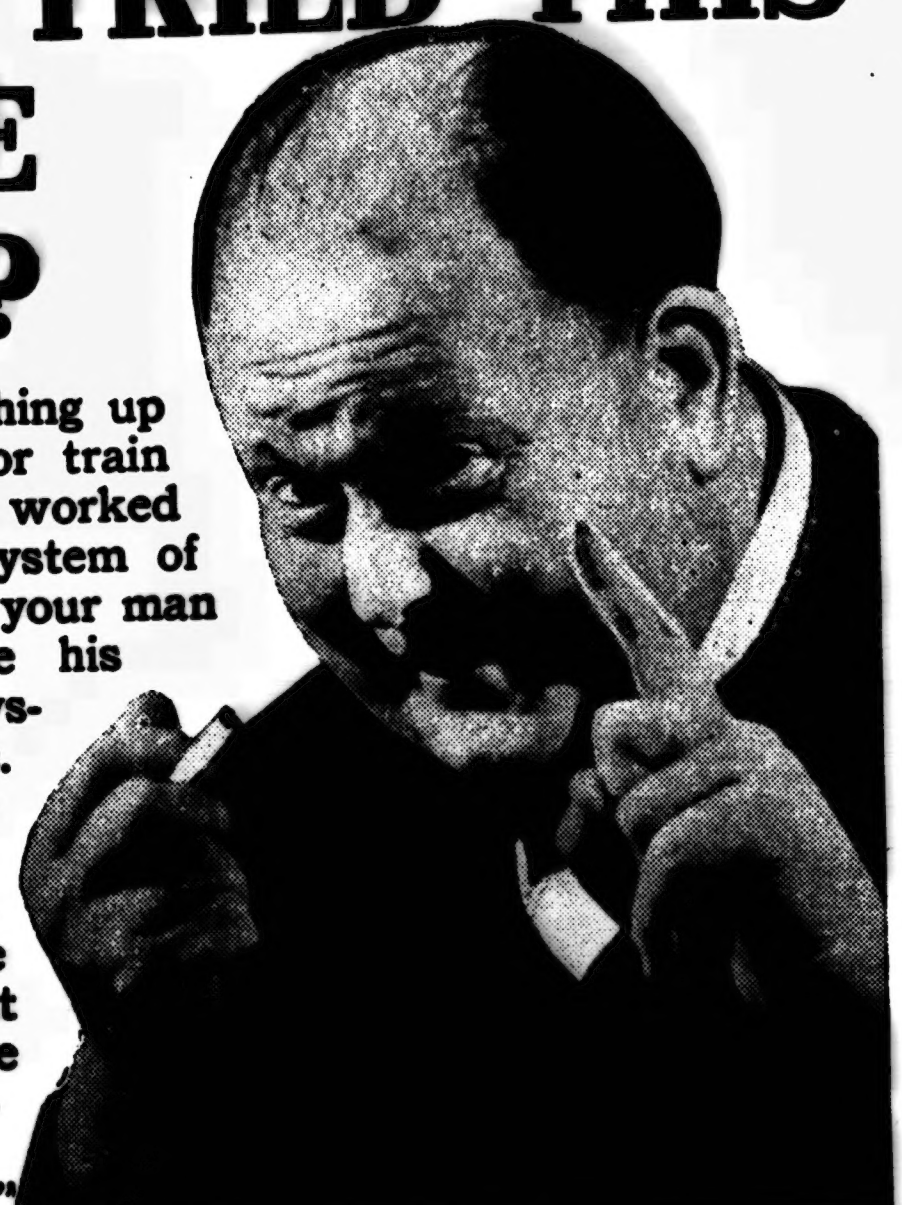

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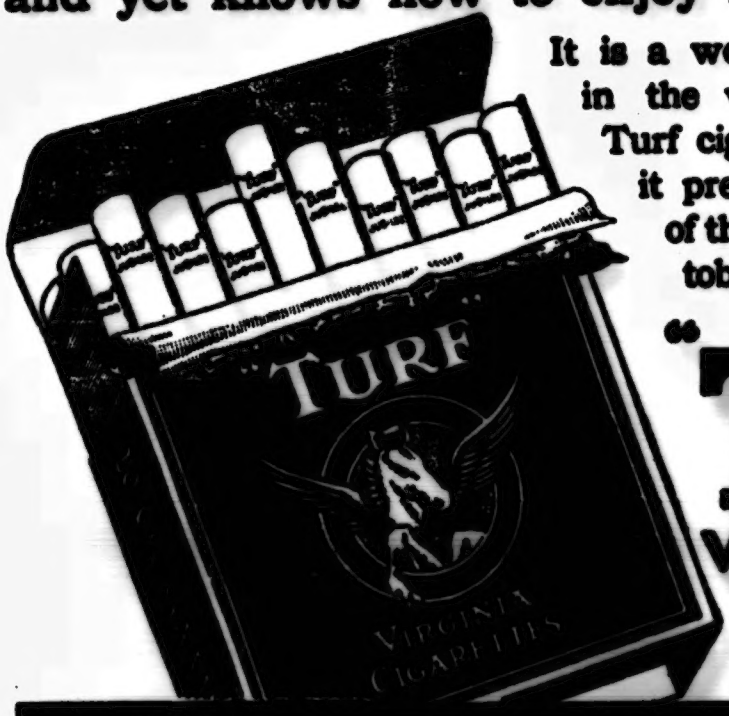


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***Royal Caution.***

The King's Speech was a diplomatic model of marking time. Clearly no legislation that can vitally help the country is to be expected from a dying Government.

***There Will Be, If ——***

The Speech hopes that better times are coming for industry. They'll come when business enterprise and pluck combine to bring them, but not before.

***Get Steam Up.***

The policy of sitting still and waiting for something to turn up has settled like a blight on all classes. The whole country must get a move on. Seeds don't sprout unless they're planted.

***Epitome.***

Typical of the situation, thousands of pictures have been published showing Mr. Baldwin "watching" from a balcony the state procession to Parliament. His Government will go down in history as an adept at "watching"!

***Shell Shock.***

There's a scare on in Government quarters. This unemployment—really something ought to be done about it! No hurry, of course, about suffering, when it's silent. But Ashton-under-Lyne and other by-elections were bomb-shells.

***Pay that Bill.***

The day Parliament reassembled unemployment returns jumped up 30,000. Baldwin talks of this session's heavy Bills. The heaviest bill due is the one to millions of unemployed and children.

***Our Puppet Premier.***

Baldwin admits himself pledged to a Factory Bill and has been "personally very keen" on it "for the last two or three years." Yet there will be no Factory Bill in this Parliament. What use is keenness without action?

***Sin No More.***

Over that "Naval Pact" the Government should have met Parliament in the white sheet of repentance. The least it can do is to turn over a new leaf and start a clean sheet.

***Everybody's Kiddies.***

The £37,000 council school just opened at Wakefield marks the passing of the old order. Modern thinkers realise that beauty and fitness in child education are a big national asset.

***A Check for Poincare.***

Very significant was the revolt against Poincaré's militarism that caused the French Cabinet crisis. France is another country that has suffered from a Government that it did not wholly deserve.

***A Fine Idea.***

The National Broadcasting Company of America is undertaking to sponsor and finance débuts of promising young artistes. A similar serious attempt to launch young British talent wouldn't come amiss. We have plenty.

***Battersea Bricks.***

Wonderful successes have been achieved by students of the Battersea Polytechnic, ranging from Bachelors of Science to Doctor of Philosophy. Young Britons are fine stuff.

***Wake Up, England!***

In England and Wales 1,755,000 acres of land are in urgent need of drainage. Common-sense demands that the reproach be removed.

***Experts Speak.***

"In the absence of proper drainage," says the Royal Commission, "land deteriorates; it lies cold and fails to germinate." If the country is foolish enough to ignore that hint it cannot be sane.

***Ships of Good Hope.***

The Wear shipyard at Sunderland is reopening to build two cargo steamers. Brisk business methods must now set to work to secure orders to keep them full.

***Despite Depression.***

During one recent week 911,411 National Savings Certificates were sold, bringing the grand total to 880,383,539. Not so dusty for folk too often accused of being unthrifty!

## TABLOID TONICS

Mr Baldwin.—*If you think you are going to beat the things that culminate in hatred and war without a spiritual fight, you are foredoomed to failure.*

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Mr. Lloyd George.—*It is time for action, and not for enquiry.*

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Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C.—*The truth about police officers is that they are just as good as other people.*

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Sir Wm. Barton.—*I have never known any person with a great amount of money of whom it could be said that he was the better off for having it.*

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Lieut.-Col. L. W. Johnson (Governor, Wormwood Scrubs).—*Pulling male prisoners on their honour is a thing hardly ever abused.*

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Dr. Alfred Tilney.—*One brain institute would be a more profitable investment for civilisation than any number of battleships.*

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**"John Bull" pays 309 more Cheques to Registered Readers. (See page 2)**

***Pressure.***

The Ministry of Agriculture is continuing "close scrutiny" of all applications for grants for agricultural education. When will it learn that teaching youth to grow food is the soundest investment any country can make?

***Two Hundred Fools.***

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham has received 200 requests from men abroad to find them wives. The man who can't find a wife for himself deserves the misery for which he is asking.

***Wicked Tricksters.***

Water adulteration of milk is practised on a large scale, one dealer being found with a lactometer to test "how far" he could go. The crime evidently needs more drastic punishment.

***Lofty Talk.***

Emigrate, as it is hopeless to hang on, is the advice prominent Workington people have addressed in a letter to 900 local unemployed. Are they prepared with the money backing to help the helpless to take it?

***Helping Hands.***

The efforts of the Society of Friends to provide plots of land for unemployed miners must have strong Government backing. It is desperately wicked to deny the starving the right to grow food.

***Woman's Work.***

Good as are the six men appointed by the Home Secretary to enquire into the working of juvenile courts in the Metropolis, women should have been added to the list. Wherever children are, "mothers" are needed.

***Why Should He Retire?***

During the war Sir H. Maybury, in command of 350 officers, 13,000 skilled and 40,000 unskilled road and quarry troops, made, organised and maintained 4,000 miles of roads. Exactly the sort of Civil service this country needs right now.

***Beautiful Britain.***

Hertfordshire has passed a by-law making it an offence to uproot ferns and wild flowers in the county. A sensible provision.

***Let There Be ——***

A "festival of light" organised in Berlin proved so successful that shops are keeping their brilliant illuminations through the winter. We could do with more light gaiety in *our* cities. Why on earth need we be dismal?

***Comparison.***

In seven months £90,000 was subscribed to the Lord Mayor's fund for relief of distress in the coalfields. After the general strike £250,000 was subscribed in as many weeks as a "mark of recognition" to the police. It apparently depends upon whose comfort is threatened!

## WITHOUT FEAR or FAVOUR

### *Keeping His Pal.*

An old man at Hanley, nearly blind, and very poor, could not afford to buy a licence for the dog he loved, his pal. So the magistrates bought him one out of their own pockets. That's the sort of justice we like to read about.

### *Fitting Punishment.*

A Winlaton auctioneer, William Boyd, hanged a poor spaniel dog to a tree. Whilst it was kicking he cut it down, and buried it alive. For this abominable cruelty Gateshead's magistrates consider a £5 fine fitting punishment. We don't.

### *Unemployed's Good Job.*

Four poor unemployed Keswick lead-miners —Fred, Alfred, Albert, and Joseph Stuart—spent three full days feverishly drilling and blasting three boulders of rock. A little terrier was imprisoned in a hole, and they got it out alive. True heroes had ever big hearts.

### *Only Safe Way.*

Little is accomplished by the Greenwich coroner's warning never to give celluloid toys, the catching fire of one of which caused the death of a year-old Lewisham babe, to children. Restrictions on the sale of these inflammable playthings is the only road to safety.

### *Will It Do It?*

With food prices rising to wicked heights in northern and other cities, tens of thousands of impoverished unemployed families will be face to face with the prospect of bare tables during the winter months, unless the Government safeguards them against the profit-snatchers.

### *Somewhat Like Robbery.*

For the loss of a parcel value £3 6s., sent C.O.D., the G.P.O. declined to pay more than £2 compensation. No wonder the senders, the County Engineering Company, of Hounslow, indignantly ask if this is the way to popularise what should be a trade-stimulating system.

### *Mending Money.*

Hearing of a man who, taken ill in a Manchester street, agitatedly tore up the Treasury notes he had received as wages, the Lord Mayor, Mr. Davy, made good the money from his own pocket. The civic chain looks well on one who so displays the golden gift of sympathy.

### *Theatre and Church.*

The Chief Constable of Coalville will be wise if he continues to stretch a point in granting a licence to the vicar to hold a late Sunday evening service in the Grand Theatre. Any wholesome means of keeping the young people off the streets is to be welcomed with open arms.

### *City's Disgrace.*

Why does Derby remain inert while urgent reports of children of unemployed parents, sitting at home for lack of boots, or scholars with almost unwearable footwear, come from the Pinxton school attendance officer? Is the city so totally impoverished that help for this distress is impossible, or doesn't anyone care?

### *No Divorce Wanted.*

"Life has been one long honeymoon" becomes more than a gilded phrase when uttered at the age of ninety, after seventy-one years of marriage, by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Wainfleet. Young couples approaching the altar might ponder on the wisdom of this Darby and Joan who claim that hard work is the only recipe for happiness.

### *The Better Way.*

Instead of the coarse cries of the old-time multitude witnessing the hanging of a thief, we have suppressed applause in court when Alderman Sir Kynaston Studd bound over at the Guildhall a young, unemployed meat-porter, who stole goods worth £117 to help his sick wife and baby. Thus we disarm jeremiahs who mock at our evil times. The Christian ideal becomes less remote the more we combat wrongdoing with sympathy and understanding.

### *Better Breathing.*

All success to the efforts of the Mayor of Liverpool, Miss Margaret Bevan, to establish the sixty-first branch of the Smoke Abatement League of Great Britain in the city. With children robbed of 50 per cent. of sunlight under a smoke cloud, it is time Liverpool emulated Manchester in dispersing it.

### *Costly Votes.*

In view of the coming General Election, we suggest that special facilities should be accorded to commercial travellers for recording their votes. Why should these men be called upon to lose time and money in order to exercise their rights as citizens? After all, women are not the only people who have grievances.

### *Mean Measure.*

Professing to be an architect, and not an ironmonger, which he practises, Thomas Abel Parker, of Catford, housed two oil measures deficient up to 5 and 8¾ per cent. on his premises. A £3 fine with costs smartly intimates that if he is a square peg in a round hole, there is no excuse for him.

### *Travelling Eyesight Touts.*

"Good News for Hull," "Good News for Grimsby"—such are the slogans favoured by Mr. Saunders, who is in the habit of touring from place to place as a representative of Maxton and Saunders, Ltd., "the famous eye-testing firm." "Famous fiddlesticks!" is our rejoinder. No famous firm touts for business in this way or fails to reveal its permanent address.

### *Fatherly Employer.*

Neither in the huge concrete building nor in its atmosphere, purified and controlled to the warmth of a June day, lies the real grandeur of the Carreras Cigarette Factory, Hampstead Rd., N.W. In Mr Bernhard Baron's simple statement, "My workpeople I regard as my children," resides the triumph of the factory-owner, one we should wish every employer to share.

### *Never at School.*

Whether the school attendance officer or the parents were at fault, the fact remains that a fourteen-year-old daughter of a Lowestoft fish-curer has never been to school. We have no opinion of the local education committee for dropping a long discussion on the matter without resolving to examine her proficiency and educate her at once if need be.

### *Another Failure!*

Topping a bad record, Alfred Jones, a Dodworth miner, drunkenly assaulted Mrs. Clarke, leaving her in a seriously collapsed condition. Sentenced to six months' hard labour with a £50 fine, he should, as the Barnsley magistrate claims, be thoroughly ashamed of himself. But, as an example of the efficacy of prison training, his reformers cannot exactly hold up their heads about him.

### *Tragedy of a Transfer.*

Stanley Jones, of Grove Road, Rock Ferry, has just died in the Mill Road Infirmary, at Liverpool, after previously being under treatment in a local hospital. It appears that he was suffering from a fractured skull sustained in an accident, but the medical superintendent was not aware of this until Jones had been at the infirmary for a week. This astonishing fact is attributed to the failure to furnish a medical history-sheet at the time of the transfer. We hope such slipshod methods will be remedied in future.

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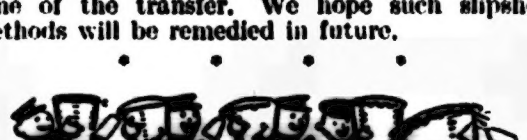

**HAMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS!**

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### *Soulless Saving.*

We read of a blind man in receipt of 10s. a week from an aid society whose relief was cut down by the Government Commissioners by this amount, and many poor families, we learn, have had their relief reduced on the grounds that they kept a few hens in the backyard. This kind of thing is not true economy: it is soulless cheese-paring which amounts almost to rank robbery.

### *Remembering the Kiddies.*

Saying, "We want more of these bear-gardens where children can play secure from street dangers," Sir Alfred Fripp hits the nail on the head in opening the first flats erected by the St. Marylebone Housing Association, completed by a walled-in roof-garden. Those who think humour a trivial pursuit may be thankful to the Froth Blowers for their innovation in child-welfare.

### *Muddling Medicos.*

Hot-heel upon the Cornwall Health Insurance Committee's fining a doctor £50 for not visiting a panel patient who died from pneumonia, with expenses to be refunded to the widow, comes news of the Surrey Committee's censure of two doctors, one for neglecting, the other for rendering an account of £5 2s. 6d. to a panel patient. The General Medical Council must take action regarding these serious blots on the medical profession.

### *Profitable Patriotism.*

The Hastings Corporation is to be congratulated on having placed with a British firm a large order for water-mains, even though a foreign tender was considerably lower in price. It was held that in the existing state of unemployment in this country, the patriotic policy would pay in the long run. The councillors of this popular resort have set a splendid example to other municipalities, and even to the Government itself.

### *Snail-like Spirit.*

Hovels in which farmers would not put their stock describe condemned houses in Felmingham, where inhabitants have repeatedly clamoured for homes. Yet the Smallburgh District Council talks about taking a "broad view," enquiring into the suitability of would-be tenants and the likelihood of the Health Ministry making a subsidy. If this is the spirit that animates housing committees, no wonder crime and disease hang heavily over the land.

### *Another Success!*

Knowing that JOHN BULL is ever ready to fight its readers' battles, Mrs. Wren, of Upper Holloway, whose husband is unable to work owing to cataract, asked us to try and obtain a need pension for her. We immediately took up her case, and she has now been granted a pension of 15s. 6d. weekly, with effect from August 2, 1928. Parents of deceased soldiers, who are in doubt as to their position, should not fail to seek the advice of our Pensions Expert.

### *Penrose Pays the Penalty.*

For misappropriating money collected in the name of charity, "Pastor" John Penrose has just been sentenced at Elgin to three months' imprisonment. It was disclosed that out of every £1 he collected, 10s. went into his own pocket, and the Sheriff observed that the Northern Evangelistic Association and the City and Central Mission of Aberdeen were run purely as business or commercial undertakings. This is a striking, if somewhat belated, vindication of what has been said in these columns times out of number.

### *"A Nice Bunch of Twisters."*

In the issue of JOHN BULL of October 20 last, we made a reference to the Universal Bonus Co., of 92, Bath Road, Hounslow. We are satisfied that the Universal Bonus Co. is an old-established firm, doing a large business all over the country. We gladly give publicity to this fact and express to the Universal Bonus Co. our regret that the unfortunate reference to that firm should have appeared in our columns.

# BOYS—HERE'S HOW!

## *This Will Open Your Eyes*

### by "WOODBINE WILLIE" *(The Rev. G. A. Studdert Kennedy, M.C.)*

SEVENTY-EIGHT to eighty per cent. of people on the "dole," rates at 29s. 6d. in the pound, dire distress of every sort short of starvation common, and some cases even of that—such is the situation as I find it in some industrial areas to-day.

People in happier places do not realise it, and God alone knows how we can make them realise it. Many a time in the last few weeks people have said to me, "We had no idea things were so bad."

Well, it is time everyone had some idea, and we all got busy doing something about it, if it only amounts to sending a bob or two to some decently managed distress fund or to some parson whom we can trust.

But that is not the main point of my story. The point lies here. We have reached, or are reaching, rock-bottom in the heavy staple industries. Something is bound to happen soon, and we know what it is. We know what is coming next. We know what must come next as surely as to-morrow must come next to-day.

We are going in for what is now called the Rationalisation of Industry. We cannot, and we ought not to, desire to escape it. It is bound to come. But everything in the world for millions of people depends upon how it comes.

What is Rationalisation? It is a drastic reorganisation of the scattered units of an industry on a basis of co-operation. It means the elimination of waste in labour and material. It claims to have all the virtues of nationalisation without the glaring defects of State control.

The object of this decisive action ought to be to decrease costs of production, lower prices, raise real wages, stimulate demand through the consequent increase in purchasing power, and so finally reabsorb the unemployed.

## *The devil's bill*

That is the big idea, and it is a very big one. It is, in fact, the biggest idea that has come to disturb the industrial dovecots since the cruel war ended and the cruel peace began. It is going to be a revolution, and a revolution of the right sort. But it may easily cause a revolution of the wrong sort.

It will, perhaps, be better for everybody in the long run, but it may be a devilish long run, and some men and groups of men may refuse to start, or give up after the first lap, or go slow in order to see what happens before they put their backs into it.

If on any considerable scale these things happen, there is going to be the devil to pay, and he will present a long bill, demand cash down, and get it out of the poor. If this great thing is going to be done, it must be done decisively, deliberately, with a firm, unwavering hand, with eyes wide open, and without looking back.

It is a business which by its very nature makes it impossible for us to follow our usual British custom. We cannot muddle through. If we try the usual muddle method we shall achieve nothing but disaster. And yet on any judgment of present form, the betting odds are a long way in favour of our making a muddle.

The Rationalisation of Industry involves many problems, but the really nasty snag will, as usual, be human nature. If the various schemes are wrecked and botched, they will be wrecked and botched by passion and prejudice and the cussedness of human nature.

It will be the stupid, short-sighted greed of vested interest, class hatred, class suspicion, and class fear that will bar the way to sane, steady and decisive action.

You cannot rationalise industry unless you can secure a sufficient number of men and women who can be trusted to act rationally—that is, to act together because they think clearly, and not because they feel strongly.

To begin with, Rationalisation will at first, and probably for some time, increase rather than decrease unemployment. If we follow our usual beastly and unscrupulous custom of making Party political capital out of the rise or fall of the unemployment statistics, and get our politicians bawling on platforms about the iniquity of the other side when they themselves have no real remedy to propose, the muddle will begin and probably continue.

## *Rules to scrap*

The unemployment problem needs to be lifted up out of the arena of Party politics altogether, and faced as a national issue like a war, with the clear knowledge that the situation must grow worse before it grows better, and that resolute and generous action must be taken accordingly.

The workers cannot be expected to support and co-operate in the policy of Rationalisation unless they are reasonably assured that the temporary penalties and losses which are inevitably involved in the rationalisation process will not fall most heavily upon those least able to bear them. Can we not rise to what is a real national emergency and give them definite assurance on that point?

For thousands of employers of labour Rationalisation demands the complete abandonment of that attitude of mind which friends call sturdy British individualism, and enemies call blind, self-seeking stupidity.

Even though we choose the more pleasant, but perhaps less honest, name, the ugly fact remains that sturdy individualism is, and has been in recent years, the curse of the cotton and coal trades, and we have already paid the price of this British luxury in human flesh and blood.

Cannot employers, rising, I repeat, to a real national emergency, realise that this sturdy British individualism business has had its day, and is now an expensive luxury which we cannot afford. The time has now come when we must call a spade a spade and a fool a fool in order that the fool may forsake his folly before it is too late.

On the other hand, Rationalisation inevitably demands of the workers the surrender of a complex network of trade union rules and regulations, written and unwritten, which tend to restrict output and waste human effort.

## *Costly confusion*

Behind these rules and regulations there is a very deep-seated suspicion of employers and a dread of unemployment. However difficult the task may be, that suspicion must be disarmed, and that dread removed.

The common assumption that the more people are employed on a particular job, irrespective of cost, the better it is for the workers generally and the less risk there is of unemployment, goes to the root of what is probably the most costly confusion of ideas that ever cursed the minds of muddled men. Every real friend of the workers must strive to clear up that confusion, and tell the truth, however unpopular and unpalatable the truth may be.

Deliberate and intelligent regulation of the output, designed to meet foreseen fluctuations of

*G. A. Studdert Kennedy*

the market demand, is an important factor in Rationalisation, but intelligent regulation and haphazard blind restriction are two things as different as chalk and cheese.

Finally, Rationalisation will inevitably be opposed by all those for whom Socialism is an end in itself rather than a means to an end.

Everyone who has a vested interest in, or a violent prejudice in favour of, what is called the destruction of the capitalist system will be tempted to rise in wrath against Rationalisation.

An attempt will be made to make Rationalisation and Nationalisation alternative methods of solving the industrial problem, and to oppose the one to the other, so that the problem may once more be simplified into a fight, and made part of a political class war.

## *All hands on deck!*

This will be the direst of all disasters if it comes off. It will fasten the chains of poverty securely round our people's feet for a generation or more. The true friends of the people will strive to remember constantly that Rationalisation and Nationalisation are both means to an end and are not of necessity opposed to each other, or necessarily bound up with each other.

Any rationalisation of industry which is real, thorough and honest, must have as its main object the increase of national and even international prosperity, and the raising of the standard of living for all people.

If it has as its final objective anything less high and less wide than that, it is not the real thing, and, moreover, cannot succeed. Those who with narrow views and lower aims play at and palter with this business will inevitably pay a heavy penalty for their criminal folly and involve others in their own ruin.

It is because I believe that in this idea of Rationalisation, in its highest and fullest sense, there is the first light of real hope that has dawned upon the industrial situation since the war, that I venture to plead with men and women of every class to root out their prejudice and think earnestly about it, honestly endeavouring to understand it.

It is, I am convinced, an opportunity, and it will be both tragic and shameful if we fail to take it, and use it to the utmost advantage in the war of our common humanity against degrading poverty. It is [illegible] never. All hands on deck. We cannot [illegible] through.

# YOUNG SOULS FOR SALE

## *A County's Terrible Secret*

*The Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.*

IN the market-place of Carnarvon, North Wales, under the shadows of the ancient castle, there stands a statue of Mr. Lloyd George, M.P. for the boroughs.

The great Liberal leader is in typical attitude. It is as if his hands were raised in mute appeal to the gaunt Welsh hills.

And well might he stand in that cobbled square *in person* and direct his eloquence to those hilly places, for in that beauteous locality to-day there exists a state of affairs that almost beggars description, a hellish reign of sheer immorality that makes strong men shudder and strong women weep.

### *Age of terror*

We do not exaggerate. The county of Carnarvonshire is in the fearful grip of an age of terror that strikes at the future of the Welsh race. Public, police, officials, clergy, school-masters—none, we are sure, could honestly deny it.

To deny it, indeed, would be folly, for only confession and then drastic efforts to seek redress before it is too late can save the coming generation of the county from being one at which only the finger of scorn could be pointed.

So serious have things become that if the county medical officer, Dr. Parry Edwards, has his way, the Ministry of Health will be asked to sanction the compulsory notification of venereal diseases.

That such action should be necessary is bad enough, but the fact that it is due to the number of children of tender years who have been, and are being, affected, lends a still more ghastly aspect to the situation.

### *Terrible decadence*

The actual resolution which has been put forward is as follows:

"That, having regard to the number of cases of venereal disease among children of under sixteen years of age, the County Health Committee be asked to review the question of the prevalence of this disease in the county with a view to an application being made to the Ministry of Health for the compulsory notification of cases of venereal disease."

It was a report from the medical officer that spurred on this resolution, but that it has long been necessary is no secret.

No conspiracy of silence could ever veil the all-too-prominent evidence of the existence in the county of terrible immorality and decadence.

Quite apart from that, could any public authority make a more ghastly confession than that cases of this foul scourge among children under sixteen are on the increase?

Nor has Carnarvonshire even the small consolation—if consolation it could be called—of knowing that such cases are directly hereditary.

Although, we understand, the medical officer did not touch upon this aspect in his report, we have good reason to believe that a certain amount of the disease among the children—exactly how much can only be guessed—*has actually been contracted.*

### *Scared parents*

If this applied to only one child it would be too many; that it is much more is deplorable.

That, apart from the known cases, there are scores of others that are kept secret by parents scared and too ashamed to reveal the disastrous degradation that has overcome their offspring and the disgrace that has been heaped upon themselves is, perhaps, even more poignant.

Public money is freely spent on fighting the scourge, but until the disease is made notifiable it will, we feel, be impossible to successfully combat it and to stamp out the evil.

A point that occurs to us is the prevalence of criminal assaults on girls. Many that occur are never reported to the police at all.

The pests that lurk in the remote country places ever on the prowl for young victims go scot-free. Parents will not allow their children to face the limelight of the courts.

### *Drear and desolate*

It is obvious that at least some of these children so assaulted are contaminated by disease, and that it goes untreated, or is, on the other hand, improperly treated.

In the villages we have heard accounts of certain events that could never be printed. Youth has run wild. It has looked for pleasures and pastimes. It has looked for decent recreation.

*And youth has found indecent recreation.* Boys and girls, young girls and young women, have, by force of circumstances, gone astray. With evil the last thing in their minds, they have been introduced to the devil!

For lack of something to do o' nights they look for the things that they ought not to do—and they find them.

Passing over the countryside, let us take a glance at Carnarvon itself. We will view it at night. It is dark; it is dreary; it is desolate of everything—except people.

There is nothing to do. You cannot even look at the hills. There are knots of gossipers in the streets. There are courting couples in the doorways. There are boys and girls in the side streets.

And what is happening away in those lone hill-places where there is not even the glint of a policeman's whistle-chain to enlighten the gloom, who can say? No one! You must look at statistics (when they are published), and you must even add to these.

Carnarvonshire must be cleaned up. The parents of Carnarvonshire must wake up. The children of Carnarvonshire must be shut up. There must be sense instead of sex.

The mothers there must cease to be so "mum" about the filthy prowlers who prey on their daughters, and the fathers must cane the boys who tamper with their daughters' purity.

### *Parents' duty*

The plague must be notifiable, but that is not enough. The parents of North Wales must protect their children. They must see that the unfortunate ones are properly treated, and that the remainder have no chance of ever being unfortunate.

They must sacrifice their pride and ensure that the "bad men" of the hills go to jail.

The Churches must see that the young folk of the country places have decent and regular recreation. The police must clear up the dark doorways after darkness falls.

There must be electric light in the towns that can afford electric light, and the light of common-sense and decency in the villages that cannot.

And if the youth of Carnarvonshire is to be saved, we look to—their mothers.

# PITFALLS *for the* LONELY

## *'Ware Unscrupulous Adventurers*

INTRIGUING advertisements carefully calculated to rouse the interest of unmated women appear all too frequently in a certain country newspaper of good repute.

One of them—"Business man (lonely) desires companionship lady, 25-35; state if means. . . . Bury Street, W.C.1"—attracted the attention of a reader of JOHN BULL.

A stranger in London, and living in lodgings, she got in touch with the advertiser, but was extremely surprised to receive an invitation to visit the gentleman in his bed-sitting room, as he said "in order to discuss matters more comfortably."

### *Glib assurance*

Mr. R. Clayden, of Cramphorn Road, Chelmsford, whose advertisement regularly appears in a well-known West Country newspaper, is another person anxious to accommodate lonely ladies and gentlemen with a view to either friendship or matrimony.

The lonely ones are invited to send a stamp, after which they receive information that the membership fee is £1.

### *Dangers exposed*

In return for this sum one lady was glibly assured that she would receive an introduction to a gentleman to suit her.

How, one may reasonably ask, can Mr. Clayden know that he can find a gentleman to suit his unknown client?

As Clayden implies that he has a large number of matrimonial-friendship gentlemen in stock, all the lady has to do is to state her requirements as regards age, height, disposition, hobbies, "or anything you may care to mention," for the goods to be delivered.

Legislation is badly needed to prohibit advertisements of correspondence clubs and the like, the dangers emanating from which have so often been exposed in JOHN BULL.

The result of the libel action against us in connection with the *Matchmaker*, which was decided in our favour some time ago, plainly indicates that it is the duty of the Home Secretary to take action in this matter.

### *The greater chance*

No normal man or woman need be lonely if the opportunities for social intercourse around them are cultivated, and it is deplorable that women's longing for adventure and romance should lead them to seek it through such dangerous channels.

Girls who answer newspaper advertisements should realise that they have a greater chance of meeting unscrupulous adventurers than a man who is a fit companion for a decent woman.

# Gold-Toothed Scamp

## Freeman the Affable

AN affluent-looking gentleman, who gave the name of Nathan Freeman, recently secured apartments in the neighbourhood of Regent's Park, and quickly earned his landlady's regard by his quiet habits and pleasant manner.

He was engaged in a shipping and transport business, it seemed, and spoke modestly of his office in the City, where most of his time was presumably spent.

Mr. Freeman soon dropped into the habit of making his landlady his confidant in his business affairs, and one morning he lamented the fact that accounts due from certain of his clients were not being met as promptly as he would like them to be.

At the same time, he argued, it would not be good policy to worry his clients, who were all sound and stable merchants.

*Game of pretence*

In this way he led up very delicately to the subject of a loan, which, in view of his outward appearance of prosperity, was readily forthcoming.

After this initial success, Mr. Freeman continued his practice of discussing his business affairs with his landlady, all the time pretending that his financial embarrassment was only of a temporary nature and that large sums were coming in to him very soon.

When she had advanced her lodger upwards of £100, Mr. Freeman returned from the City one evening in the highest spirits, his genial face showing quite plainly that he had some good news to impart.

By great good fortune he had had a "ready-money" client introduced to him that morning who had authorised him to ship a large consignment of soap abroad at once.

The client had handed him a post-dated cheque, which he now produced for his confidant's inspection.

*Chief asset*

It was made out for a large sum, and when Freeman asked for a further £100 to tide him over until he could pay this cheque into his account, the landlady forgot her former prudence and agreed to let him have it.

From that day she never set eyes on her lodger again, and the cheque he had left with her as security turned out to be worthless.

There is little hope that she will ever see a penny of it again, for a visit to the Albany Street Police Station has confirmed her worst suspicions.

Freeman is a scamp who has no business at all—save the doubtful one of living by his wits.

Though his plausible tongue is his greatest asset, speech reveals the presence of several gold teeth. Readers should bear this in mind lest the affable Mr. Freeman should come their way.

# IVOR—*the* IMPUDENT

## A Disastrous Motor Society

FOR some considerable time we have been gathering information regarding the financial ramifications of a rash and hazardous individual named Ivor Henry Langhorne, the leading light of an organisation known as the Car Owners' Mutual Assurance Society, Ltd., which, until recently, occupied offices in no less dignified a quarter than Pall Mall, London, S.W.

The objects of this organisation were as impressive as its title and address, for it was formed to deal in "vehicle insurance in all its branches, including third party insurance and cover against damage caused to aircraft, aeroplanes, hydroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats, airships and balloons."

The scheme was outlined in grandiloquent terms in a sheaf of printed matter sent out to car-owners throughout the land, with a specially printed envelope in anticipation of a certain reply.

In addition to Mr. Langhorne, whose scheme it was, a committee of management was set up, the board of which boasted the famous names of several gentlemen of title.

*Attractive on paper*

According to the circulars, the scheme was a kind of mutual association of insured persons, and, as every member automatically became a shareholder on joining, the profits of the concern were to be divided amongst them.

The qualification for membership in the society was a guinea subscription. A pound of this was to be invested in loan stock, while the odd shilling was to represent the deposit on a 10s. share, which every member was expected to take up.

No one, however, was permitted to hold more than £200 in shares, and the anticipated profits were to be very handsome.

As an additional lure, members were promised a rebate of at least 10 per cent. on motor-insurance premiums paid to the association.

While this all sounded quite attractive on paper, things have never been at all encouraging in the Pall Mall office, and it is significant that most of the distinguished gentlemen whose names were used at the outset resigned as soon as they realised the true state of affairs.

*Damning statements*

As time passed, the various people who had invested money in the scheme began to wonder what they were going to get out of it.

Even the Board of Trade found it impossible to obtain an audited balance-sheet by ordinary measures, and, after much futile correspondence, was forced to go to the trouble and expense of summoning the Car Owners Mutual Assurance Society at Marlborough Street Police Court.

A fine was recorded, and the previous reluctance of the company to furnish essential details may be gauged from the fact that the auditor, Sir W. H. Peat, had presented a report which, in fact, contained many damning statements.

In it Sir W. H. Peat drew attention to certain irregularities in the accounts and made it clear that he was personally unable to vouch for much of the expenditure which the society had incurred.

The real truth of the matter is that the concern was in a state of hopeless insolvency at the end of 1927.

Our readers will be able to form their own estimate of the position

*Sir W. H. Peat, auditor of this company, who made a damning report concerning it*

from the figures which we now propose to reveal.

*Beggarly bank balance*

Although the society was formed only in October, 1926, the belated balance-sheet discloses that, by the end of 1927, its operations had resulted in a startling loss.

There were liabilities amounting to £2,666, loans and a bank overdraft to the extent of no less than £3,135, against which "cash at bank" amounted to 3s. 6d.

This impossible state of affairs once made known could not be tolerated further, and certain creditors have rightly refused to permit this sort of thing—money being frittered away in handsome salaries and expenses—to continue, and we are glad to say that an official winding-up of the concern is now in progress.

So far, the liabilities of the society, in less than two years' "trading," amount to no less than £7,011 18s. 1d., of which £5,047 9s. 4d. is due to unsecured creditors.

Where has the money gone? Salaries and wages alone account for £3,311 10s., while £1,056 9s. 2d. is casually set down as "miscellaneous expenditure."

There are practically no assets worth mentioning beyond a Delage car, the history of which is interesting.

Apparently a hire-purchase agreement was drawn up between Langhorne and the society, which is unstamped, but under which the society hired him a Delage motor-car.

The terms on which this was obtained were a deposit of £100 and monthly payments of £11 5s.

*Impudent promotion*

According to the books of the society, which have been very imperfectly kept, only one instalment was paid in addition to the original deposit, and Langhorne took possession of the car some months ago, now claiming it as his own property.

From investigations we have made into Mr. Langhorne's career, we are not surprised that the society has come to such a sudden and disastrous end.

Nor are we surprised to learn that the Official Receiver has characterised the society as "an impudent promotion."

Langhorne has been behind other similar company ventures, a notable instance being that of a similar insurance company for motorists.

Oddly enough, this likewise failed in 1926, after two short years, with huge liabilities and little or nothing in the way of assets.

One luckless investor alone had the misfortune to lose many thousands of pounds.

*4½d. in the pound.*

Latterly there have been issued from the same office in Pall Mall leaflets relating to a fresh scheme which is being launched under the name of "Comas."

This name, it will be seen, is formed by the initial letters of the now defunct Car Owners' Mutual Assurance Society, and it has, in fact, been adopted by a new concern called Comas, Ltd., which has Langhorne as its guiding spirit.

Langhorne's personal financial career is equally illuminating. In 1921 he was made a bankrupt and with liabilities in the neighbourhood of £4,000, obtained his discharge in 1925, after paying a dividend of 4½d. in the pound!

In the course of this bankruptcy, after endeavouring to explain away the failure of a company called Langhorne, Ltd., he admitted that he was entirely without means, and entirely dependent for his living upon relatives and friends!

Several judgments have also been registered against him from time to time, and it goes without saying that any venture with which he may be associated should be given a wide berth until he can satisfy investors that he has been cured of the recklessness and optimism which have proved so disastrous to him and others in the past.

# A HOAX—*But no* JOKE!

## *The Truth about the Harvesters*

THERE is a Government scheme afoot to send boys to Canada to seek their futures on the farms.

Before any such scheme reaches fruition, it is essential that the public should know the truth about last summer's experiment with something like 10,000 British harvesters, recruited mainly from the Welsh mining areas.

It is difficult to arrive at the truth of it all. There is the version of the British Government, and there is the version of the Canadian Government.

There is the version of the Canadian Pacific Railway and that of the Canadian National Railway. There are the versions of sundry officials on both sides of the water.

Most important of all, we feel, is the version of the harvesters who have returned.

### *One of the lucky ones*

It would not be politic to rely upon the opinions of those who returned early, but it is obvious that those men who "stuck out" the full period of the enterprise are in a position to know.

Thousands of these men are now back in their own country. We have naturally not encountered anything like the majority of them, but we have solicited the views of a representative number.

In fairness to all we will quote first the case of a man who admits that he was "one of the lucky ones." He was in Canada for seven weeks, and, on the whole venture, he was "£12 out of pocket."

He arrived in Canada on August 18, and was sent from Winnipeg to a farm about 105 miles away. Here he spent his first night sleeping in a shed, with rain dripping through the roof.

He worked on the farm for three days, and, when he mentioned the question of pay to his employer, the latter announced that he could not give more than two and a half dollars a day, but would increase this rate for the threshing later.

In view of the fact that British harvesters had been promised between four and five dollars a day, he "turned the job in," and returned to Winnipeg.

### *Cut wages*

He next secured work on a farm at Verden, near Lenore, where he worked for about eighteen days, receiving about three and a half dollars a day.

There was an agent's fee of a dollar to be paid out of his own pocket, in addition to the fares and lodging money he had already paid out.

This ex-harvester, who was formerly a confectioner's manager, thirty-nine years of age, while not grumbling at the fact that he lost £12 on the whole of his venture, is convinced that other harvesters were definitely unfortunate.

He describes the obstacles encountered by the harvesters as mainly being the difficulty of having to find their own jobs, "cut" wages for the immigrants, having to pay an agent's fee, the danger of arrest as a "vagrant" if stranded without money, and the burden of paying railway fares that do not come under the reduction schedule.

He adds, further, that, even as "one of the lucky ones," it was impossible to secure the eight weeks' work which was one of the inducements offered to the harvesters before they left this country.

The fact that the above-mentioned man was employed at Carberry, where he received "cut" wages, prompts us to refer to a printed card handed to us by another returned immigrant.

It is an appeal for 500 men to "harvest the Carberry Plain crop," and it states: "There will be no question about your money if you work for a Carberry Plain farmer."

Apparently, in this case, that was true—literally. There was "no question" about the money—except as regards the amount.

Another typical case is that of a constructional engineer, a man of thirty, with two children, living in North London, who, unable to obtain work, joined the harvesters.

He also admits that he was "lucky." He had good food and earned fairly decent money. His grievance is that, with the harvest ending, and having been offered a job at £10 a week in the City, he was prevented, as a harvester, from accepting what looked like a certain job.

### *Broken promises*

We have before us as we write a proclamation issued by "A Committee of British Harvesters." We are assured that it was supported, at the time of its issue, by some 800 disappointed harvesters.

Having referred to the fact that harvesters were being offered "cut" wages as they were inexperienced, the proclamation stated:

"The promises made to us in Great Britain were not on the basis of being experienced, but on what we were, at four dollars and five dollars per day, per man, for eight weeks, and only on this basis was it possible for us to pay our obligations to the shipping companies, and, at the same time, provide for our families. Now we must 'take what we can get.'"

*The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies*

The men demanded either a "guarantee of the wages promised, or transportation back home, free of charge, with full maintenance in the meantime."

The same man complains that he learnt from experience that harvesters who were found penniless and arrested were dealt with none too kindly, while those awaiting deportation were often kept in detention for an unduly lengthy period.

Let us now consider the case of the harvesters who remain in Canada.

A Canadian Press message from Winnipeg, dated in early October, is of striking significance:

"*If* the British harvesters at present out of employment in the West can maintain themselves for another three weeks they will be on the way to sure homes and small wages for the winter, according to representatives of the Federal and Manitoba Governments, railway colonisation officers and others interested here."

If . . . small wages . . . !

"Based on past experiences and on enquiries made so far this year," continued the message, "the view is held that wages for winter work would run *from five to twenty dollars a month.*"

Anything from about five shillings a week!

### *Tell the truth!*

"No doubt is entertained," it continues, "that every man wanting work could be placed."

On these terms we doubt whether the Britishers will exactly rush for the jobs.

"Many Britishers are reported to have turned to pick and shovel work," ends this enlightening message.

The returned harvesters may, or may not, have told us the truth about the conditions of last summer. But Canada herself appears to make no secret of what the winter has in store.

Perhaps before another army of unemployed is shipped abroad in this fashion, representing a small fortune to the shipping and rail companies, the British Government will make a full and frank statement of the whole situation—the franker the better.

# FIND JOHN HERBERT ROBERTS

## *—and Lay Him by the Heels*

A FEW weeks ago a stranger took an office in a busy thoroughfare in Southampton and set up a plate which revealed his business as being Nalder Roberts (Southampton), Ltd.

Having thus established himself, he proceeded to get into touch with a number of local firms, addressing them on impressive notepaper, which suggested that his company was one of high standing.

This impression was further borne out when he began to place orders for large consignments of goods and backed up his orders by furnishing testimonials which on the surface appeared to be of unimpeachable character.

### *Goods in plenty*

Most of the orders which Mr. Roberts, in his capacity of "managing director," placed in this way were in the neighbourhood of £50.

Very soon his Southampton premises began to look like a small warehouse, for fresh consignments of goods were delivered there almost daily.

### *Anxious creditors*

When this had gone on for about five weeks and bills were beginning to arrive from unsuspecting creditors, Mr. Roberts was found to be reluctant to meet his obligations.

As repeated postal applications brought forth no response, several anxious creditors paid a personal visit to the offices of Nalder Roberts (Southampton), Ltd., only to find that the enterprising managing director had departed, taking with him the various goods that he had obtained during his brief tenancy.

Steps were at once taken to get into touch with some of the directors of Nalder Roberts (Southampton), Ltd., and the surprise of the creditors can be imagined when they discovered that no such company had ever been registered at Somerset House.

Invited by an enquirer to look into this matter, we are not surprised that this man has brought off such a sweeping coup with impunity.

For we are in a position to reveal that the missing "managing director" of this phantom firm is none other than John Herbert Roberts, who, in 1925, was sent to prison for conducting a similarly bogus business in the East End of London.

### *Rout him out!*

He is, therefore, no stranger to the authorities, and should not be permitted to remain in obscurity.

As he is no doubt endeavouring to dispose of the various goods by this time, all likely markets should be closely watched. Proper vigilance should soon lay him by the heels.

# A SCOUNDREL *of* THE STAGE

## *Up Bobs Bogus Again*

WHEN the Theatrical Employers' Registration Act became law in January, 1927, we observed that we should watch its operation with special interest. We also declared that it must be worked with a will.

No new machinery can be expected to function perfectly at the outset, and though the Act was specifically framed to rid the theatrical profession of the curse of bogus managers, numerous cases of stranded companies have continued to crop up.

Now, however, after a lapse of two years, one might reasonably expect the new Act to be making itself felt. But is it?

A glaring example just brought to our notice seems to suggest that it might never have been framed, and that any irresponsible person can still take a company on tour, with small fear of being held responsible for the misery and suffering that may be entailed.

*Imperinent disregard*

Only a month or two ago a person named John William Daynes, of no fixed abode, got together a company of actors and actresses, and decided to take them on tour.

He abandoned his own name for the professional one of Mat Hewson, and, with an impertinent disregard for the requirements of the Theatrical Employers Registration Act, proceeded to produce a revue entitled "Double or Quits."

His unregistered company commenced its tour at Pudsey, and, after eleven short weeks, during which time many of the artistes could not get their full salaries, it came to grief at Grassmoor.

As a result, Daynes has just been summoned at Chesterfield for abandoning a girl dancer named Gladys Perkins at Grassmoor, and for carrying on business as a theatrical employer without being registered.

*Hopeless predicament*

The experience of Gladys Perkins is interesting. She was engaged at a salary of £1 10s. a week, plus travelling expenses, but in the course of eleven weeks' tour she received her full salary on only three occasions.

When finally stranded nearly £4 was owing to her, and her predicament was rendered all the more hopeless because she had to fend for her five-year-old child.

At the end of the last week, when Daynes paid her only 10s., she ventured to protest, whereupon he told her curtly that that was all she was going to get and that if she did not like it she could clear out.

When approached by the police, Daynes declared that the company was run by another man who was duly registered, but as the authorities were satisfied that Daynes was really the proprietor he was summoned accordingly.

In court it was stated that things had been so bad with the company that some members had even been reduced to sleeping on the floor!

One actor who had been engaged at a "fixed" wage declared that because the week at Grassmoor had proved so disastrous he had been forced to accept 7s. 6d. as his remuneration.

Even Daynes himself, while denying having stranded anyone, was forced to admit that there had been only £8 to share amongst his company when the tour petered out.

Sir Ernest Shentall, chairman of the Chesterfield Bench, declared that the magistrates took a very serious view of the matter.

Nevertheless, Daynes escaped with a paltry fine of £2 in respect of each charge, Sir Ernest observing that the Bench had been lenient because it believed that he would have great difficulty in paying the fines.

Now, under the Theatrical Employers' Registration Act, any theatrical employer who takes more than two persons on tour is required to register, under penalties of £50 or three months in jail, according to the seriousness of the offence.

In this particular case the seriousness of the offence cannot be disputed, and it was, as we have shown, actually commented upon by the Bench.

*Absurd indulgence*

Its attitude, therefore, in showing leniency towards Daynes on the grounds that he "would find great difficulty" in paying will strike many people as preposterous.

For, in Daynes' financial instability lies the whole crux of the matter. The Theatrical Employers' Registration Act has been expressly framed to exclude such people from taking artistes on tour without adequate financial backing.

*Mr. Monte Bayly, Variety Artistes' Federation, to whom these disclosures should be of interest*

Here we have a man without a halfpenny to his name, not only flouting the Act by failing to register, but actually bringing unnecessary trouble and suffering upon a number of hard-working artistes as a result of his own recklessness.

After all, Daynes showed scant consideration for the great difficulties he was imposing upon his company, and it seems absurd that any indulgence should have been shown him in the matter.

The whole trouble lies in the fact that, while the Act has been admirably framed to cope with such cases, no central body exists to see that its provisions are properly enforced.

Until such a body is set up, it looks as though rascals like Daynes will find it worth their while to continue to take chances at other people's expense.

# FATE'S £300 JOKE!

## And Others Left for You!

"CLOP!—clop!—clippety!—clop!" was once the song of the highway. Though mingled to-day with the "chug-chug" of motor-cars, the melody of hoofs and jingling reins still lingers on.

Mr. Thomas Carter, who lives amongst the farms of Hampshire, at The Yews, Broughton, Stockbridge, is mighty glad that Dobbin can still earn his keep upon the farm.

*Mr. Thomas Carter*

For upon the life of Dobbin depends the livelihood of Mr. Carter, who is a saddler and harness-maker by trade and an optimist by nature.

Mr. Carter needs all his optimism in these days of dwindling trade. Advancing years, a large family and a wife who is far from strong have not eased the situation for him.

"When Fate has had a punch in the face for me," he says, "I answered the punch. I muttered to myself that I would stick on at my work and my *Bullets*."

One evening, Mr. Carter was chatting over tea with his son, who is in business as a hardware dealer.

*Winning slogan*

"We were talking 'shop,' as usual," are his words, "and as we rose from the table, I said, jokingly —'Ah, well—when I win my £300 from JOHN BULL, I can put some of it into your business, and you can put me on as a storekeeper.'"

Outside the house a post office messenger thrust a telegram into Mr. Carter's hand. He opened it, and learnt with astonishment of the joke which Fate had played on him—that in *Bullets* Competition No. 693 he had won a First Prize of £300!

"I'll get there" is just the slogan with which to enter for the £300 *Bullets* prize on page 43. Even if you don't head the prize-list, there are 100 Christmas Hampers and 200 big Christmas Cakes all waiting for a few words from your pen.

# FIRE!

## Keep the Fiend at Bay

IT is estimated that the yearly cost of fire defence in Great Britain reaches the colossal sum of £25,000,000. The average number of fires which call for attendance of local brigades is 22,500 each year, an average of sixty-two every day.

This means not only the terrific cost of the upkeep of fire brigades, for which no sensible person begrudges one penny, but a huge loss to individual citizens when their belongings and homes are involved.

For them there is no compensation except the fire insurance policies that they may be wise enough to take out for themselves.

*So easy, too!*

The cheapest fire insurance policy for the poor man and woman is one that costs nothing at all. He, or she, has only to become a registered reader of JOHN BULL and by merely purchasing the weekly copy from a newsagent the thing is done.

JOHN BULL'S Free Insurance Scheme covers a large variety of domestic calamities, but looking back through the files of benefits paid, it is easy to see that by far the most common accident is that of fire. It comes in the most sudden and unexpected ways.

Mrs. E. Randle, of 862, Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, occupies an eight-roomed, semi-detached house, and to this day does not know how the fire that destroyed so many of her belongings was caused.

*Don't delay!*

The most likely theory is that a spark from the engine of a passing train blew into the window curtains, and as the room was unoccupied a good hold was obtained. The fire spread to other furnishings.

Two rooms were burnt out, and others scorched. The firemen arrived in time to save the house, but smoke and water added to the other damage caused.

As Mrs. Randle was a registered reader the really handsome cheque she received mitigated what otherwise would have been an unbearable loss.

Fire is for all a constant menace, so why not cut out that registration form and sign it at once? Delay is dangerous!

# I've found the right—the *real* smoke!

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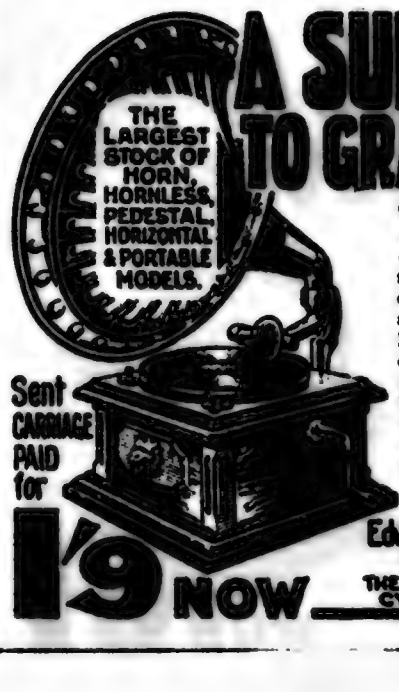


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# GRAVE PERIL OF PREMATURE BURIAL

## *Startling Disclosures*

AT a Hackney inquest on November 2, the coroner, Dr. Edwin Smith, told the jury that it might surprise them to know that every week thousands of people were buried on the authority of death certificates given by doctors who have not seen the body.

He added: "I cannot believe that public opinion is in favour of the continuation of the present system, which opens the door to the possibility of live burial, insurance and other frauds, and undetected criminal poisoning."

These are strong words, but they are not a bit too strong for the incredible laxity of our regulations for death certification. Altogether there are more than 120 public Acts of Parliament relating to matters connected with the burial of the dead.

Yet the granting of death certificates, or, in other words, the business of ascertaining beyond all doubt that bodies that are to be buried are dead, is apparently considered a matter of minor importance.

### Worthless evidence

A doctor who signs a death certificate need not see the person who is supposed to have died, after his supposed death.

He can simply certify death under cover of the words "as I am informed," and his informants can be the deceased's relatives, or failing them anybody at all, no matter how ignorant they may be of the symptoms of death, or how much it may be in their interest that the deceased should be put away.

Some people imagine that it is an easy thing to tell when a person is dead. It is not so at all. Many well-known medical men have testified to cases where persons have come to life after being, to all appearances, dead for hours or even days.

According to Professor Huxley, F.R.S., "The evidence of ordinary observers on such a point is absolutely worthless. And even medical evidence, unless the physician is a person of unusual knowledge and skill, may have little more value"

### Appalling possibility

Germany realised this fact more than a hundred years ago, and to-day there are waiting mortuaries in many of her big towns, where the bodies are laid for forty-eight to seventy-two hours before burial.

Wires, which connect with an electric bell, are attached to their fingers, so that if any of them revive, the alarm is given immediately.

It is on record that many have actually been found to be alive and have been saved from the most terrible of all tortures. The system has been in such high favour that not a single mortuary has been abolished.

Experiments have been made in New York and Holland of burying bodies so that they can communicate with the outside world in case of resuscitation.

Out of 1,200 so buried in New York, six revived, and out of 1,000 in Holland five came to life—in other words, exactly one in 200 came to life in each case.

Now, in England and Wales about 10,000 persons are buried weekly, so that on the basis of the above figures we are faced with the appalling possibility that every week we are sending fifty living persons to the unspeakable doom of premature burial.

This is not a piece of sensational

*Sir H. Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health*

guesswork, but a sober inference from known facts.

If the figures are incorrect, the probability is that they are too small, for, according to official estimates, only about 40 per cent. of the bodies that are buried are viewed by doctors after their supposed deaths!

### Real danger

The tragedy of it is that when a live person is buried there is very little chance of the grim truth ever coming to light.

Not more than two bodies in one hundred thousand are exhumed, because the Home Secretary is the only authority (except in certain cases a coroner) who can order the disinterment of a body.

It is a significant fact that wherever, owing to the gradual expansion of towns, graveyards have been dug up, unmistakable evidences of premature burial have been revealed.

Of course, it has long been recognised by those in the know that the laws which permit such a gruesome state of affairs are a scandal and a real danger to the community.

No less than thirty-five years ago a Select Committee of the House of Commons was appointed to enquire into the matter. That committee made some very valuable recommendations, but to the everlasting shame of the Legislature these were not acted upon.

Then, in 1910, a Departmental Committee, appointed to enquire into the law relating to coroners, recommended that "A certificate of death should not be accepted from a medical practitioner unless it states that he has by personal inspection of the body satisfied himself as to the fact of death."

### Aid to crime

It added: "We have had evidence that many certificates have been carelessly or even recklessly given," and "It is no fault of the law if premature burials do not take place. The present law of death certification offers every opportunity for premature burial and every facility for the concealment of crime."

But once again nothing whatever was done. The Government had enough on its hands without bothering itself about a mere hundred men, women and children being suffocated under 6 ft. of earth every fortnight.

And there the matter might have rested had not the Federation of Medical and Allied Services suddenly appointed a special committee to consider the whole subject and prepare a Bill.

This Bill, which was presented in the House of Commons in 1924, proposed that a death certificate should only be given by a doctor who had examined the body and satisfied himself that life was extinct.

The supporters of the Bill were foolish enough to fancy that they stood some chance of getting it through. They forgot that we live under a bureaucracy. They forgot that there is a permanent official called the Registrar-General whose opinion had not been sounded.

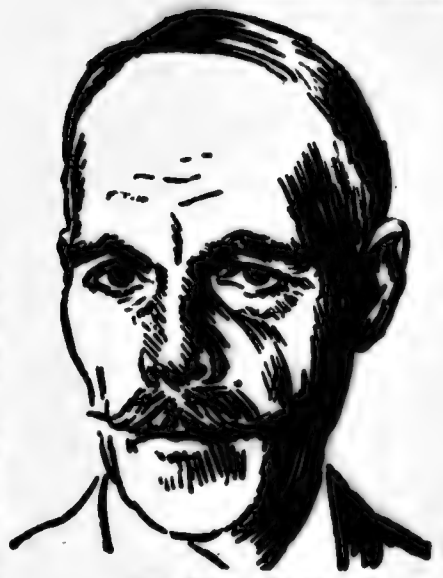
They forgot that a Bill which has no power to catch votes, but only the power to protect the public against something worse than the tortures of the rack, has little hope of support from any Government.

The result was what might have been expected. The Bill was rejected by the Minister of Health, the Registrar-General and the Home Office. It was rejected on the score of expense.

### One too many

"If we had a complete medical inspection of every case," said Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, "it would mean very considerable expense; it would set up a universal and compulsory requirement for a very small chance indeed."

A very small chance! Of what? Of consigning 2,600 living men,



*Dr. Edwin Smith*

women and children to the tomb every year!

Put it at much less than that. Put it at a figure which even the most sceptical would admit. Suppose that under the present regulations *one* living person is buried each year.

Is not the thought of it unspeakably horrible? Ought we to grudge a few hundred, or even a few thousand, to safeguard our fellow-creatures from such a fate?

But, as a matter of fact, it need cost the State nothing at all. Why should not the doctor's post-mortem visit be made recoverable, just like the fees for his ordinary visits?

The Minister of Health and the Registrar-General, however, were not to be satisfied with so simple and obvious a course as this.

Instead, they overrode the Bill with an alternative plan which was to "extend the system of references by the registrars to coroners on the facts as disclosed by the medical certificate of the *cause* of death."

### Poor consolation

Nothing whatever was said about certifying the *fact* of death. As the law stands now, it is quite sufficient if the doctor giving the certificate is informed by the relatives, or failing them by somebody else, that the patient is dead.

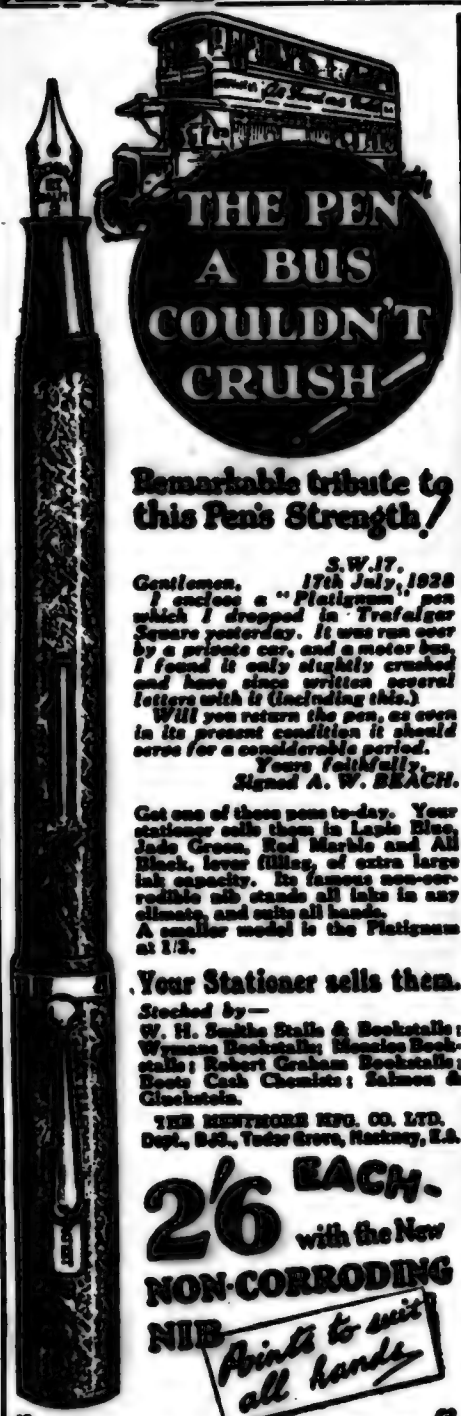
He can then certify the cause of death without further information, provided that such an alleged cause agrees with the opinion that he has already formed.

And all that is done to safeguard the public from the scandalous deficiencies of these rules is that any cases not seen by a doctor after death, or a "reasonably short period" before death, are brought under review by a coroner.

So, after more than thirty-five years of attempted legislation on the subject, the Home Office, the Ministry of Health and the Registrar-General have produced, through mountainous labour—a mouse!

Nearly all civilised nations, from the ancient Egyptians upwards, have recognised the serious possibilities of premature burial and adopted elaborate rules to guard against it.

Our own regulations respecting death certification are about five thousand years out of date.





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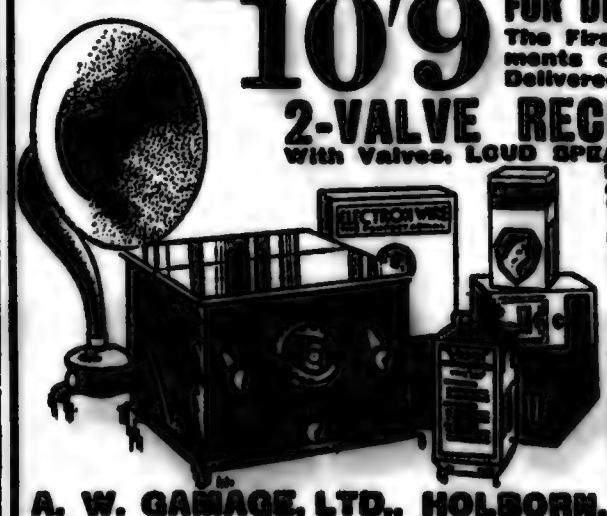



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***The Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.***

DEAR SIR,—Now that Germany has fallen into line with those enlightened lands which have abolished the barbarity of capital punishment, it will be a crying disgrace to us as a nation if we linger behind in this respect. Legalised murder is as futile as it is unjustifiable, and it is difficult to understand how any sane and humane man can defend it. Carry this reform, and your Government will have at least one claim upon the gratitude of the people. JOHN BULL.

***The Rt. Hon. Sir AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Foreign Secretary.***

DEAR SIR,—To a Vancouver gathering of former Birmingham residents you declared that your objective has always been lasting world peace. When you claim, however, that there is amongst the nations a unity to-day which was lacking before, I regard your words as true only in a limited sense. That the peoples of the world are beginning to see the folly and futility of warfare is beyond doubt, but Governments, as such, have yet to learn the lesson. You can do no greater service to humanity than by devoting your life to converting them. JOHN BULL.

***The Rt. Hon. WILFRID ASHLEY, M.P., Minister of Transport.***

DEAR SIR,—Your warning that, while local and national funds are being expended on widening highways and removing encroachments, the supply will be jeopardised if the authorities fail to keep off petrol-pumps and similar installations leaves me cold. There is such a mountain of real work waiting to be done that to see you going up in the air over a mouse like the question of petrol-pumps rather makes me gasp. Don't forget you're the Minister of Transport and not the Director of Rural Beauty Spots! JOHN BULL.

***Mr. ROLAND OLIVER, K.C., Recorder of Folkestone.***

DEAR SIR,—When arguing a case before you, counsel remarked that nowadays nobody in London believes anything a police officer says, a contention to which you listened with regret. Of course, it is utter nonsense, for, as you pointed out, the very fact that a man functions as a policeman is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, a testimony to his character. To slander the whole Force because of the delinquencies of the few is as foolish as it is unjust. That counsel deserved the snub he got, and there are a whole lot more who deserve it just as much. JOHN BULL.

***Mr. L. HORE-BELISHA, M.P., Old Queen Street, S.W.***

DEAR SIR,—I agree that the sentence of 360 days' imprisonment plus a fine by the Portuguese authorities upon Second Officer Brewer, a Devonian, for the alleged theft of goods valued at £1 was monstrous in its severity, and I am glad that you have forced our Government into a strongly worded protest. It will be a sad day for the nation when an Englishman can with impunity be subjected to such grave injustice at the hands of a foreign Power. JOHN BULL.

***Flight-Lieut. D'ARCY GREIG, Royal Air Force.***

DEAR SIR,—Though, owing to a technicality which seems utterly indefensible, you are deprived of the official distinction of holding the world's flying record, all of us realise that the honour is rightly yours, and the Empire is proud of you. Your modesty is as remarkable as your skill, and both are on a par with your pluck. However, don't take undue risks. Men of your stamp are ill spared. JOHN BULL.

***Captain J. A. UNETT, Chief Constable of Essex.***

DEAR SIR,—I am entirely in accordance with your view that, even at the risk of failing to secure a conviction, the practice of employing the police as *agents provocateurs* should be prohibited. It is the prime duty of the Force to prevent crime, not to manufacture criminals. I trust that in future such questionable methods will be dispensed with It makes me wonder whether all the trouble in the police force should not be sought at the top! JOHN BULL.

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***The Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, Home Secretary.***

DEAR "JIX,"—The cares of Cabinet duty have not robbed you of all boyish joyishness. You have added to the gaiety of nations by allowing yourself to be photographed, after opening the Motor Cycle Show at Olympia, sitting gingerly astride of an up-to-date combination. I hear that in consequence you are to be presented with the thing as a keepsake.

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Seriously, your interest in the reclamation of the young offender has been the best feature of your administration. Whoever your successors may be in future Governments, I trust they will have the good sense to carry on worthily what you have begun. JOHN BULL.

***Wolf-Cub VICTOR CASS, The 2nd Romfords.***

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***Alderman L. F. COGAN, J.P., Chairman, Northampton Police Court.***

DEAR SIR,—For cruelly beating his dog to death in circumstances too harrowing to be described, you fined Percy Fountain Sear, a tram-cleaner, the exemplary sum of £20. I wish, however, that you had obeyed your strong impulse to send the man to prison. These crimes of cruelty, I regret to notice, are on the increase, and nothing short of a smart period of detention in prison will properly bring home to the offenders the heinousness of their offence. JOHN BULL.

***Mr. FRANK ROSCOE, Secretary, Teachers' Registration Council.***

DEAR SIR,—The assertion by teachers that children to-day know so little of the classics that they cannot place time-worn quotations such as "a mess of pottage," "Job's comforters," and a "barren fig-tree," and that characters from "Pilgrim's Progress" mean nothing to them, is a sad reflection on popular education. More and better books should be available for every elementary school. The present parsimony in providing them must end. To allow a generation to grow up ignorant of the treasures of its own literature is to send the country backward into the ranks of the third-rate. It is not a prospect any thinking person can contemplate with equanimity. JOHN BULL.

## Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN.—"Let the tiger die."

*And let the Government act as though it believed the tiger could be killed.*

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MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.—"The Liberal leaders are talking as though they had their Party in their pockets."

*Turn out your own pockets and see what's there!*

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE.—"How some people lose their heads with a little success!"

*It's been noticed before that the lighter the head the sooner it's lost!*

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BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK.—"The great majority of the population of London is completely out of touch with any sort or kind of religion."

*Then something is very wrong with the sort or kind of religion presented.*

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MR. R. STORRY-DEANS, M.P.—"Wherever safeguarding has been tried prices have fallen, turnover increased, and wages improved."

*Then how do you account for the poverty and unemployment spreading like a blight over Britain?*

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MR. H. R. OSWALD.—"I wish more people would go to our colonies."

*And we wish people who tell them so would be more explicit about what they are to do when they get there.*

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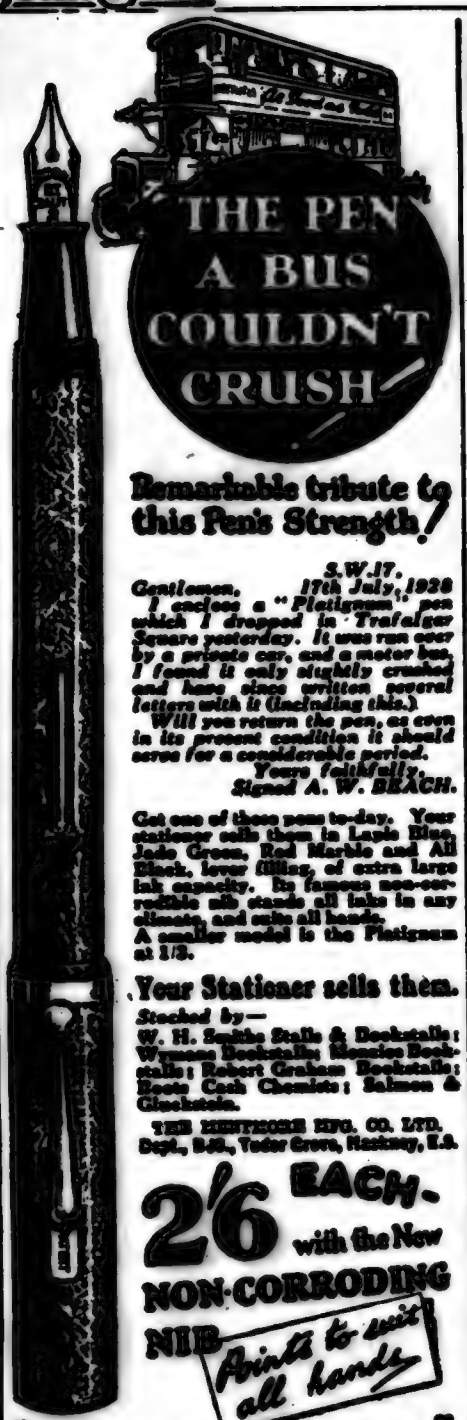


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# Candid Communications

## to People who Deserve Them

***The Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.***

Dear Sir,—Now that Germany has fallen into line with those enlightened lands which have abolished the barbarity of capital punishment, it will be a crying disgrace to us as a nation if we linger behind in this respect. Legalised murder is as futile as it is unjustifiable, and it is difficult to understand how any sane and humane man can defend it. Carry this reform, and your Government will have at least one claim upon the gratitude of the people. John Bull.

***The Rt. Hon. Sir AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Foreign Secretary.***

Dear Sir,—To a Vancouver gathering of former Birmingham residents you declared that your objective has always been lasting world peace. When you claim, however, that there is amongst the nations a unity to-day which was lacking before, I regard your words as true only in a limited sense. That the peoples of the world are beginning to see the folly and futility of warfare is beyond doubt, but Governments, as such, have yet to learn the lesson. You can do no greater service to humanity than by devoting your life to converting them. John Bull.

***The Rt. Hon. WILFRID ASHLEY, M.P., Minister of Transport.***

Dear Sir,—Your warning that, while local and national funds are being expended on widening highways and removing encroachments, the supply will be jeopardised if the authorities fail to keep off petrol-pumps and similar installations leaves me cold. There is such a mountain of real work waiting to be done that to see you going up in the air over a mouse like the question of petrol-pumps rather makes me gasp. Don't forget you're the Minister of Transport and not the Director of Rural Beauty Spots! John Bull.

***Mr. ROLAND OLIVER, K.C., Recorder of Folkestone.***

Dear Sir,—When arguing a case before you, counsel remarked that nowadays nobody in London believes anything a police officer says, a contention to which you listened with regret. Of course, it is utter nonsense, for, as you pointed out, the very fact that a man functions as a policeman is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, a testimony to his character. To slander the whole Force because of the delinquencies of the few is as foolish as it is unjust. That counsel deserved the snub he got, and there are a whole lot more who deserve it just as much. John Bull.

***Mr. L. HORE-BELISHA, M.P., Old Queen Street, S.W.***

Dear Sir,—I agree that the sentence of 360 days' imprisonment plus a fine by the Portuguese authorities upon Second Officer Brewer, a Devonian, for the alleged theft of goods valued at £1 was monstrous in its severity, and I am glad that you have forced our Government into a strongly worded protest. It will be a sad day for the nation when an Englishman can with impunity be subjected to such grave injustice at the hands of a foreign Power. John Bull.

***Flight-Lieut. D'ARCY GREIG, Royal Air Force.***

Dear Sir,—Though, owing to a technicality which seems utterly indefensible, you are deprived of the official distinction of holding the world's flying record, all of us realise that the honour is rightly yours, and the Empire is proud of you. Your modesty is as remarkable as your skill, and both are on a par with your pluck. However, don't take undue risks. Men of your stamp are ill spared. John Bull.

***Captain J. A. UNETT, Chief Constable of Essex.***

Dear Sir,—I am entirely in accordance with your view that, even at the risk of failing to secure a conviction, the practice of employing the police as *agents provocateurs* should be prohibited. It is the prime duty of the Force to prevent crime, not to manufacture criminals. I trust that in future such questionable methods will be dispensed with It makes me wonder whether all the trouble in the police force should not be sought at the top! John Bull.

***The BOARD of GUARDIANS, Faversham, Kent.***

Gentlemen,—Your magnificent offer to applicants for out-relief knocks me breathless. You have decided that these shall be employed at wood-cutting, and allowed to do as much "as they like" at a payment of 2d. per hour. Since even at this terrific scale of pay you do not intend them to become millionaires, their earnings must not exceed 28s. a week. As to earn 28s. a week at 2d. an hour would mean working twenty-eight hours a day, I can only think this world-shaking finance was worked out in Colney Hatch.

John Bull.

***The Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, Home Secretary.***

Dear "Jix,"—The cares of Cabinet duty have not robbed you of all boyish joyishness. You have added to the gaiety of nations by allowing yourself to be photographed, after opening the Motor Cycle Show at Olympia, sitting gingerly astride of an up-to-date combination. I hear that in consequence you are to be presented with the thing as a keepsake.

Nothing could more endear you to the hearts of those youthful miscreants whose misdeeds are so often associated with exploits on motor-bikes. The sight of our gallant Home Secretary himself on a motor-bike scorching down to, say, Borstal, to interview and admonish fellow-criminals, would be a sight to cheer the gods. And why not?

Seriously, your interest in the reclamation of the young offender has been the best feature of your administration. Whoever your successors may be in future Governments, I trust they will have the good sense to carry on worthily what you have begun. John Bull.

***Wolf-Cub VICTOR CASS, The 2nd Romfords.***

Dear Cub,—When you saw two boys drowning last summer in Thorpe Bay you immediately plunged to their rescue, regardless of the fact that you could not swim. That you managed to save them both is a tribute to your pluck that laughs at difficulties. Wear the Silver Cross awarded you for your gallant action with modesty and you will grow into a man of whom we all shall be proud. John Bull.

***Alderman L. F. COGAN, J.P., Chairman, Northampton Police Court.***

Dear Sir,—For cruelly beating his dog to death in circumstances too harrowing to be described, you fined Percy Fountain Sear, a tram-cleaner, the exemplary sum of £20. I wish, however, that you had obeyed your strong impulse to send the man to prison. These crimes of cruelty, I regret to notice, are on the increase, and nothing short of a smart period of detention in prison will properly bring home to the offenders the heinousness of their offence.

John Bull.

***Mr. FRANK ROSCOE, Secretary, Teachers' Registration Council.***

Dear Sir,—The assertion by teachers that children to-day know so little of the classics that they cannot place time-worn quotations such as "a mess of pottage," "Job's comforters," and a "barren fig-tree," and that characters from "Pilgrim's Progress" mean nothing to them, is a sad reflection on popular education. More and better books should be available for every elementary school. The present parsimony in providing them must end. To allow a generation to grow up ignorant of the treasures of its own literature is to send the country backward into the ranks of the third-rate. It is not a prospect any thinking person can contemplate with equanimity. John Bull.

## Straight from the Shoulder

Mr. Baldwin.—"Let the tiger die."

*And let the Government act as though it believed the tiger could be killed.*

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Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.—"The Liberal leaders are talking as though they had their Party in their pockets."

*Turn out your own pockets and see what's there!*

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Mr. Lloyd George.—"How some people lose their heads with a little success!"

*It's been noticed before that the lighter the head the sooner it's lost!*

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Bishop of Southwark.—"The great majority of the population of London is completely out of touch with any sort or kind of religion."

*Then something is very wrong with the sort or kind of religion presented.*

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Mr. R. Storry-Deans, M.P.—"Wherever safeguarding has been tried prices have fallen, turnover increased, and wages improved."

*Then how do you account for the poverty and unemployment spreading like a blight over Britain?*

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Mr. H. R. Oswald.—"I wish more people would go to our colonies."

*And we wish people who tell them so would be more explicit about what they are to do when they get there.*

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Mr. A. W. Paddon, Chairman, North Middlesex Gas Company.—"Working men cannot resist spending money."

*Particularly on food and rent.*

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*The Truth About Things—by the Editor*

# A FLAMING PORTENT

## *The Red Nigger in the Fence*

SINCE the days of Noah there have never been lacking fools who deliberately refuse to read the signs of the times. They dally pleasantly by the rippling stream in their immediate foreground, but they utterly ignore the roaring torrent that will presently sweep them off their feet from behind.

This is happening to-day in British home politics to an astonishing degree, as Mr. J. L. Garvin keeps faithfully pointing out to his readers in the *Observer*. His words are worth noting because he represents the broader-minded, modern side of Conservatism, and also because he has a unique opportunity of judging what is happening all over the country.

What is happening in politics is that the onward march of Labour is steady, relentless and unmistakable. Yet those who at the moment hold the reins of power refuse to see it. Conservatives ignore it; Liberals pooh-pooh it. Labour, merely pursuing its time-honoured course of educational propaganda, comes steadily on.

It is rapidly becoming the strongest single Party in the country. There is every likelihood that, after the next General Election, it will be called upon to form a Cabinet.

THIS is not a new thing in British politics; what is new is the almost moral certainty that the next Labour Government will come to office possessed of power. The wild alarm this prospect raises in some quarters is not shared by us. We preserve our complete independence in politics and jealously guard the right to criticise or apportion praise and blame as occasion arises.

But we also recognise that this is a democratic country, possessed of a very democratic franchise, and that whatever Government presides at Westminster is of necessity there by the people's own choice.

The peculiar resentment against the Labour Party is not because of its working-class origin, but is directed against its declared policy of Socialism. Upon this head we feel impelled to utter a word of warning.

Mr. MacDonald, as Prime Minister, would be confronted with the most difficult task ever faced by a statesman. Before him would be ranged the most powerful opposition that Capitalism could muster.

Regardless of the fact, for instance, that other countries have State railways and survive, any attempt towards nationalisation of British railways would be met with cries of "Bolshevism!" and dread prognostications of utter chaos and ruin.

A BIG attempt to rouse the country to fever-heat on the question of heavy taxation might presumably be launched. On the other hand, a much graver danger the next Labour Government will have to face will come from the hot-heads of its own Party. No platform has ever boasted so many planks for the immediate remedy of unemployment, the removal of poverty, and the amelioration of the lot of the poor.

If these are not forthcoming the moment a Labour Prime Minister takes his seat, there will be, in common language, a row. Nothing could be more disastrous to the interests of the unfortunate classes themselves.

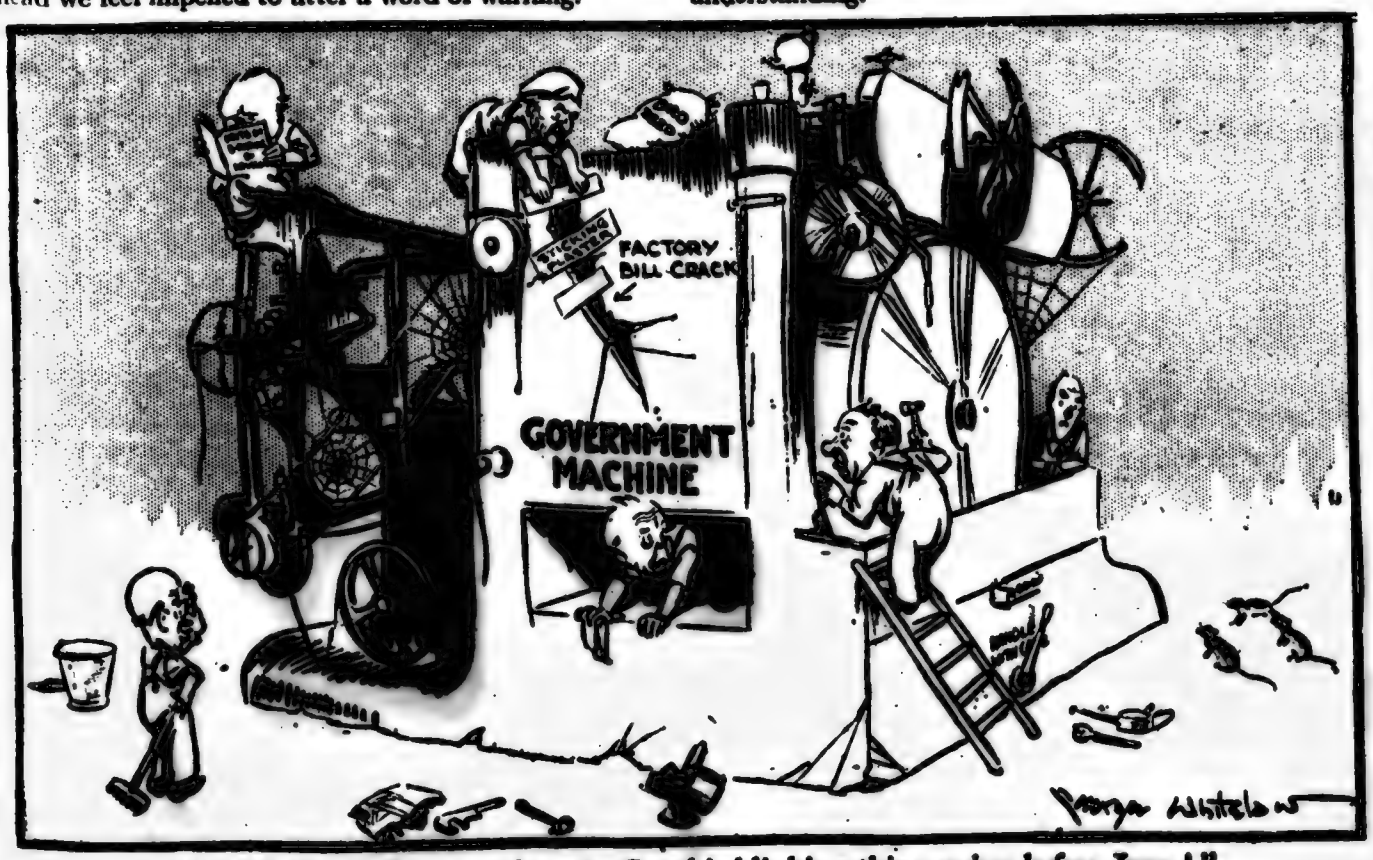
There is, for all that, all the difference in the world between a Government that sits still with folded hands in the face of industrial distress and a Government that honestly tries to do something.

We have continually pointed out sensible ways in which much of the unemployment and misery could be met. We don't care two straws what Government comes to power so long as it will try and give them effect.

But no man can turn the moon with his heels. Hasty, ill-considered legislation is likely to cause more misery than it corrects. And that is why, in good time, and in face of what now seems inevitable, we utter our warning.

There must be toleration on the part of opponents and moderation on the side of friends. In politics, more than any other science, is needed patience and understanding.

*Mr. J. L. Garvin*




STANLEY: "Come on, boys! Get this blinking thing going before June!"

## *REAL* OPTIMISM

AFTER the welter of pessimism in which this country has wallowed for the last five years, it is delightful to find someone willing to strike a cheerful note.

Sir Herbert Hambling, vice-chairman of Barclays Bank, has done the country this good service. He is also a chairman of a big paint manufacturing concern, and as such has his finger on the pulse of industry.

His findings cause him no alarm. Like others, if he takes a surface view of the position of the three great key industries, he is tempted to become despondent.

But he looks below appearances. He sees great and important developments taking place in the coal industry, in cotton mills, and steel and iron foundries. These are bound presently to bring a new and reviving impulse to trade.

He confesses himself "an unrepentant, incurable optimist." Excellent! Britain is passing through a transition stage. But it will depend on whether pessimists or optimists lead what sort of future she gets. We back the optimists.

*The Human Machine*

## WHY NOT?

CHRISTMAS is only a few weeks off, and already people are beginning to think and talk in a way that they only do once a year!

People are beginning to be kind and loving in their thoughts. People are thinking of others instead of themselves.

Even the thought of Christmas has this effect! It is a good thing, of course. But why do we only do these things as Christmas comes round again?

What a much nicer world it would be if we thought and acted like this all the time and did it just a little more at Christmas than at any other time!

As Christmas comes closer and closer the world becomes a better and better place. At Christmas-time the world is really a very nice place indeed.

Why keep this spirit for just a few weeks in the year? Why not always make the world a really nice place?

# GINGER FOR JEREMIAH

*Plums for the Picking*

*by* E. ROFFE THOMPSON

*Mr. Bernhard Baron*

THERE are a lot of people very like "The Idiot who praises with enthusiastic tone, Every century but this and every country but his own." W. S. Gilbert in the *Mikado* said that such people never would be missed, and on his little list they went. They would be missed less to-day than even at the time he wrote.

Lord Melchett, on his return from America, speaking with full and exhaustive knowledge of British trade, British industry and British relations throughout the world, said that this country had turned the corner, and that if only we put our backs into the job there was no reason on earth why we should not once again beat the world.

He is a man who should know, for he is at the head of the movement that is now busy trying to regain for British trade the position it once held, a position as proud as it was unbeatable.

I have always maintained that nothing prevents us getting back into our full stride except our unwillingness to get busy. If you want to see what you can do when you really try, take a look at the Ashtead Potteries. There, in a little Surrey village, is a small works manned entirely by a number of ex-Service men, who are all practically 100 per cent. disabled.

### *Vigorous vision*

When they began neither Sir Lawrence Weaver, whose idea it was, nor the men themselves knew the first thing about the making of pottery. They had to learn everything from the ground up. They had to learn it under the most trying conditions and they made as many mistakes as the beginner usually makes.

To-day the little idea that Sir Lawrence Weaver had when the war came to an end has resulted in a pottery that is turning out some of the finest examples of real craftsmanship in the country.

His little works are giving employment to a number of men who otherwise would have been left to the mercy of charity, and, in addition to the fact that they are working well and happily, they are housed in one of the most delightful little colonies it is possible to find.

The only reason why the country is not dotted from end to end with similar happy and prosperous little factories is because we have not had the vision nor the initiative like Sir Lawrence Weaver had.

### *A proud boast*

It may be a small example, but it shows what you can do when you try. It shows that the ever-rising tide of unemployment is as unnecessary as it is criminal.

There are people like the idiots I have mentioned who continually say that this country is played out. All up and down the land you find councils and corporations getting people from other countries to do our work for us; you even get the Government itself playing the same game.

Yet it is not in the least necessary. Mr. Bernhard Baron, the chairman of Carreras, Ltd., has just demonstrated how unnecessary it is. He has just opened one of the most wonderful factories in the world. It was eighteen months in the building and 800 craftsmen worked to build it.

They were all British. Three thousand tons of steel and seventy thousand tons of concrete went into it—all British material. Eight thousand tons of British cement were used and it was in England that all the bronze, the brass, the copper, and the iron for this colossal building was made.

The only thing that came from anywhere else but this country that is supposed to be played out was the maple for the floors, which came from Canada.

"For this building," says Mr. Baron, "every single cog of every single piece of machinery, from the ventilating plant in the roof houses down to the electrical transformers in the sub-basement, have been made by *us*—at home."

### *Staggering possibilities*

I have mentioned both the Ashtead Potteries and this great tobacco factory for two reasons. In size they are at the opposite ends of the scale; in practice and principle they are the same. Both at Ashtead and in London two men with vision have proved that when you try you can do anything and they have also proved that in order to carry on industry you need not be nasty and messy.

Both at Ashtead and at the Carreras factory, industry has been humanised, and there are several other big employers of labour whose factories could tell the same tale.

The fact of the matter is that in brains and energy, resourcefulness and actual resources, this country is terrifically rich. When to this country you add the absolutely limitless resources of the Dominions, you touch a measure of wealth that can hardly be computed—a measure of wealth, in fact, that cannot be computed, because nobody knows just how rich the British Empire is.

Our actual and potential resources are staggering in their immense possibilities, tremendous and incalculable. We have every single thing that goes to make a trading and manufacturing nation supreme, and here and there, as in the cases I have mentioned, you find men with vision and determination who have grasped a glimpse of this golden vision getting on with the job.

### *Who are the idiots*

People who decry us, who say we are finished, who say that our day is done and that we are sliding down to the position of a third-rate nation, are either plain idiots or wilfully blind to the sheer facts that are lying everywhere around them to be seen by anyone with half an eye.

The truth of the matter is that we have never been in such a favourable position, if only we would get together and pull together, as we are to-day.

Our resources are expanding and increasing, and on top of that we have daily, and in this miraculous age almost hourly, an ever-advancing tide of scientific invention and discovery to enable us to exploit this wealth as no nation was ever able to exploit its wealth before.

To say that we have over a million and a quarter unemployed may sound in bare figures an appalling state of affairs, but these figures put side by side with the work that is waiting to be done pale into absolute insignificance.

If our vapouring Parliamentarians would only act as more and more big business men are acting—believe whole-heartedly in their country, drop their silly squabbles and set to work with a united effort to make the wheels of British industry go—there would be such a revolution within a few years as would stagger even the most optimistic.

It is the politicians who are the real idiots.

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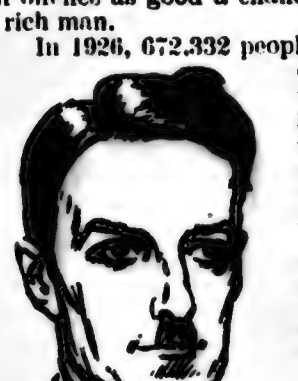
# ARE YOU INNOCENT?

*by* GERALD DAY

A BILL is coming up for a reading in the House of Commons which deserves the support of all three Parties. Its object is to give a poor man who is tried for an offence as good a chance of getting justice as a rich man.

In 1926, 672,332 people were tried in courts of summary jurisdiction, and out of these, 525,543 were convicted, 25,564 of them receiving terms of imprisonment without option of a fine.



*Mr. Gerald Day*

If we take it that half of these were too poor to afford legal defence—and this is a conservative estimate—then over a quarter of a million men and women were convicted and twelve thousand were imprisoned under unfair circumstances.

It is true, of course, that the summary courts are intended to deal with the minor cases. All the same, they can impose fines up to £50 and inflict terms of imprisonment up to six months. Then, too, they deal with a very great many first offenders, to whom a conviction, and particularly a sentence of imprisonment, may easily spell ruin.

Lord Howart, Lord Chief Justice of England, addressing the Magistrates' Association, said:

"It seems to me a grave, a terrible thing, to send a fellow-creature to prison for the first time. Nothing weighed upon me more than when, for the first time in my life, as a judge of assize, I was called upon to take criminal business, and to decide whether that man in the dock should, or should not, go to prison. I exhort you, if indeed exhortation is necessary, to think twice and thrice before sending a man or woman to prison for the first time."

WHEN a man is tried for an indictable offence the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act does make some meagre provision for his defence, if he cannot afford it himself. The Act does not give him the *right* to free legal aid, but it empowers the court to grant it to him if it thinks fit.

Even this concession is largely nullified by qualifying clauses. Legal aid can only be granted if the accused pleads not guilty and has disclosed his defence to the justices who commit him.

Many a misguided man, hoping to get off lighter, has actually pleaded guilty to an offence he has never committed. Many a man, too, has pleaded guilty knowing that he has done some-

# A MAN Who Could RULE *the* WORLD

*by* A. G. GARDINER

"SAFETY First" is the maxim on which the thirty million voters of America have acted. I do not mean that "Al" Smith is a dangerous man. I think he is a very sagacious and reasonable man. Also, he is a likeable, friendly man, with a hearty laugh, plenty of quips and cranks and abundance of good nature mixed with his good sense.

But he was something of an experiment, and the citizens of the United States decided that they did not want an experiment. They are fabulously rich, their trade is good, there is on an average a motor-car for every family, and they said, "Let well alone. We'll play for safety."

Moreover, the women, who are the most important part of the American nation, declared that they would not have any tampering with Prohibition.

They are going to remain "dry," and though "Al" Smith was prepared to pocket his "wet" opinions, they decided that it was safest to choose the dryest man on the ticket. Hence Herbert Clark Hoover is President of the United States.

And being President of the United States, he is the most powerful man in the world to-day, and will be for the next four years. In view of that fact, we ought to be interested in him, for he is hardly less important to us than he is to America. No one will claim that he is a picturesque figure. He is not only "dry" on the liquor question, he is dry as a man.

### *Why Hoover was elected*

It has been my privilege to know three Presidents—the genial, boisterous, elemental Roosevelt, whose laugh was like a gale of wind, and whose voice sounded round the world like hoarse thunder; the scholarly and sedate Woodrow Wilson, who was like the Moderator of a Presbyterian synod; and Herbert Hoover, who is as reticent as an oyster and as chilly as an iceberg.

You could not get enthusiastic about Mr. Hoover even if you "tried with both hands," as they say in "Alice in Wonderland." Even the people who voted for him more emphatically than for any man in history did not vote so much because they wanted him as because they did not want "Al" Smith.

Dan O'Connell used to say that the English had all the qualities of a poker—except its occasional warmth. It was a good joke, and has, I daresay, just a grain of truth in it. We are apt to be a bit stiff in our public manner, but we have warmth for an occasion.

In his apparent stiffness and aloofness, Hoover is more English than the English. Though born—of course, in a log cabin, according to the usual prescription—away in the Middle West, he belongs to the hard-bitten, severe strain of New England, a Quaker with all the virtues and defects of that society.

### *The vital question*

His gifts are not of the imaginative kind, they are executive gifts. He has hacked his way up from the bottom by his practical genius, not by the arts of the demagogue of which he is as contemptuous as Coriolanus. He is hardly more communicative than a post; but when he speaks he speaks, as I have heard him speak in private, briefly, firmly, to the point, without much caring whether you agree with him or not.

His achievements as an organiser and administrator are indisputable, and it was his work in feeding the starving populations of Europe during the war that made him famous. He knows the world from China to Peru, and there is hardly any quarter of the globe, including England, in which he has not worked as a mining engineer.

And now he is elected to the greatest executive office in the world, and we ask, What will he do with his power and his opportunity?

It is a vital question for us, especially at the present time when our relations with the United States are peculiarly delicate owing to the lamentable blunder into which our Government has been led by M. Briand and the French.

*Mr. Herbert Hoover*

It has created in America an intense distrust of our good faith and our good intentions. It has given the impression of an intrigue with France to establish a command of the sea against America.

That shadow must be cleared away. The most vital interest of the world is that the two greatest Powers in the world should have a common purpose and a good understanding. Between them the British Commonwealth and the American Commonwealth can mould the world into any shape they please.

### *Dangerous doctrine*

If they work in sympathy they can *impose* on the world the reign of law and the reign of peace. Together they can abolish war, not only by their example, but by the moral and material power at their command.

But they have not worked together. The fault is not on one side only; it is on both sides. But on the crucial issue it is we who are to blame. That issue is the Freedom of the Seas, on which the heart of America is fixed, and on which we with our doctrine of blockade are the opponents.

It was that doctrine of blockade which led to the war with America in 1812 and nearly led to war over the case of the *Alabama*. For a century this claim of ours to hold the seas as our own territory has stood between America and England.

It is in our power to remove it. It is to our advantage to remove it. For the right of blockade is no longer our strength; *it is our weakness.* The submarine has made us the most vulnerable community to blockade on earth. We could not blockade France, for example, into surrender in years; France through the submarine could starve us into surrender in weeks. That is the terrific fact that has changed the whole naval position of this country.

### *Banishment of war*

Let us make a virtue of necessity. Let us join hands with America in declaring that the seas are free to commerce and that any nation which wars against that freedom has to reckon with the united power of Britain and the United States.

If that is done we shall disarm America of her one great grievance against us, and establish our own security against blockade. To such a gesture Hoover's response would be decisive, for he is above all a man of peace.

He would open his reign with the removal of the one obstacle to Anglo-American friendship, and with that obstacle removed the two great English-speaking peoples could march shoulder to shoulder towards the ideal of a world from which war has been finally banished.

# ENT OR RICH?

## D DAY

thing wrong, but not realising that he is being charged with something far more serious.

A roundsman, for instance, who has got wrong in his accounts, may plead guilty to embezzlement, when he has really only been guilty of muddle-headedness.

AS for a man having to disclose his case to the lower court, who in his right senses would dream of doing such a thing if he were not obliged to? Why in the name of sanity should a man have to pay for a fair deal by giving away his line of defence in advance?

Obviously the Defence Act needs vigorous overhauling, unless justice is to remain a privilege of the well-to-do.

When in December, 1925, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck asked the Attorney-General to what extent the Act had been made use of, he was told that the information could not be supplied.

The plain truth is that the existing Act is very seldom used at all, except in cases of very serious crime, such as murder. Lawyers are for those who can afford them. Those who cannot are generally left to clear themselves as best they can, with all the odds of ignorance and inexperience against them.

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Surely the honour of British justice is worth a few thousand pounds a year? In many cases we should actually recover what we spent on legal aid by what we saved on needless terms of imprisonment.

Then, too, wrong sentences often create life-long criminals, who cost the State hundreds of thousands of pounds.

EVERY month the need to revise the Defence Act becomes more urgent. The whole trend of modern legislation is to increase the power of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction to try indictable offences. In 1926, 672,332 were tried summarily, as against 7,024 in the higher courts.

Out of eighteen nations in which conditions were investigated by the International Prison Congress, England was found to be the most backward in recognising the principle of legal aid. This is a state of affairs which must not be allowed to continue.

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## *A Clear Call to Conscience*

A VERY great deal has been said as to the existence of Communism in Wales. The Reds, we are told, predominate and hatch incendiary plots against property.

This is most distinctly not the case. There is a sympathy with Communistic doctrines in certain quarters, but active participation in Bolshevism there is none.

One of the most popular Communistic speakers is ex-Lieutenant Snooks, D.C.M., of the Navy. His addresses usually consist of a description of the horrors of war, and include sentiments freely expressed on both Conservative and Liberal platforms.

There is, however, in the Rhondda valleys a deep-seated sense of injustice among the miners. And for good reason.

### *Take it or leave it!*

Take the case of the collier. Under the last agreement between the owners and the men, it was laid down that a collier should not receive less than the minimum wage of £2 11s. 6d. weekly, after deductions for insurance, etc.

This means that when a collier working on an unprofitable patch makes less than this on tonnage the owners should make up the amount.

In the first place, a collier is paid on 40 per cent. of his labour alone, only the coal that will not fall through the prongs of a fork being reckoned as wage-producing. The remainder, small coal, does not count.

What happens is that at the end of the week the collier who expects his minimum is too often faced with far less than that sum. He is offered the amount he has earned on tonnage only, frequently no more than a pound.

It is a question of take it or leave it. If he leaves it, he knows there are a hundred other men eager to get a job, and that he will be pushed back into the darkness of unemployment.

If he takes it, the unfortunate family of which he is the head will have to go on even shorter commons.

### *Alone in the depths*

There is another thing that works distressfully among the miners. For generations it has been the custom following a fatal accident in the pit to close down for the day. Death comes very close to those who labour underground.

The whole atmosphere seems charged with tragedy. It is too much for human nature to carry on when a friend or a comrade has been killed.

To-day this custom of long standing has been broken. When a man is killed two of his mates are sent to break the news to his wife, the rest carry on, with the fear that death so lately amongst them may come even closer.

It was also a custom never to let a man on repair work go down the pit alone. Repairs, unless urgent, are done on Sunday, and the miner always had a mate with him, so that if an accident occurred assistance would be summoned.

This no longer happens. The man goes down singly, and what this means can only be realised by those

*Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, the well-known writer, who, at our request, investigated conditions in South Wales*

who have been in a mine, closed in by a vast sense of loneliness, surrounded by curious and insistent noises, the shifting of the coal above your head.

Only a few days ago a man on repair work was caught by a heavy fall of rock. He lay there alone, until the early hours of the morning.

### *Popular idea shattered*

It is generally believed that miners and colliers work only eight hours a day. The popular idea is that the working day starts when they arrive at the pit-head.

This is not so. The work of lowering the men in the cage to the bottom of the pit takes a considerable time. Arrived at the bottom, the men have to walk to their pitch, in some cases between five and six miles away. This distance has to be covered night and morning.

The period of waiting to be drawn up in the cage also adds to the length of the day, which only begins when actual labour is in operation.

The cottages in South Wales are built close up to the pit-head, crowded together, packed like sardines in a tin. None of these cottages have bathrooms. The only means of washing is by using the old family tub.

There is only one mine in the Rhondda Valleys that has surface baths. These are at Treharris. At this place the baths are eagerly made use of.

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It is necessary to emphasise this point, because it is frequently stated that the men are not keen on the establishment of surface baths. The contrary is actually the case.

These and similar grievances have been brought before the mineowners repeatedly. But in the present day colliery boards of directors have very little knowledge of the pits. They are not practical miners, but financiers.

### *Old men "sacked"*

When a mine is acquired by a combine the same thing always happens. The older, more experienced workers are sacked; men who know the place like the palm of their hands are discharged to make room for youths with more physical energy than skill.

In many cases the older men who lose their jobs could save the management thousands of pounds in working the colliery.

A certain company could not find a seam of coal which the geological survey clearly marked as present. The company in question was prepared to spend a very great deal of money to find the seam.

An old collier of over seventy, retained to sweep the tramlines at the bottom of the pit, told the general manager that he would show him where the seam was for the sum of £2.

The manager laughed at the idea and said he would pay the money when the old man produced the coal.

That company dropped £15,000 until in despair the manager sent for the collier. "I shall want £5 now," said the old man. He was paid and quietly showed the beginnings of the seam.

The old man discovered it as he swept the tramlines. He had his hand on it all the time.

Among the miners, as apart from the colliers, there is cause for hopelessness on a different score. They receive a minimum wage of £2 5s. a week.

### *Is justice dead?*

Now, the term "miner" includes all those workers in and on the pit as apart from the actual coal getters. They include blacksmiths, mechanics of all kinds, carpenters, engine-drivers.

But, and this is the point that rankles, the highly skilled artificer receives the same as the unskilled labourer. It is a levelling-down of capacity that will have enduring results. It is a denial of native talent that eats into the heart.

The tragic misery of the unemployed thousands in the Rhondda Valleys has a companion-picture in the burden borne by the handful of the employed.

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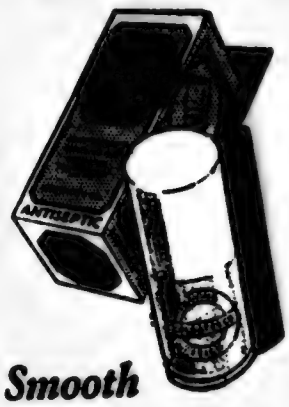


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This excellent and just arrangement met with the boisterous approval of the Ministry of Pensions, which has always maintained that its ex-Service men are well cared for in public asylums. In fact, the Ministry goes further than that.

### *Amazing information*

It proudly announces that its travelling inspectors—less than four in number—pay periodical visits to all the asylums in the country and that any ex-Service men in these institutions, however insane he may be, on the visit of an inspector can make a request to see Him. This piece of information is amazing!

But where the ex-Service men patients suffer most is undoubtedly in the present overcrowding conditions in mental asylums.

There is a serious lack of accommodation, let alone a lack of requirements needed for proper classification to meet alarming demand, as stated by Sir Frederick Willis, the late chairman of the Board of Control.

A medical superintendent, in the present circumstances, cannot have sufficient time at his disposal to study the cases under him.

If there is no proper classification, there can be no organisation to arrange real curative treatment which will enable the medical man to watch the progress of his patient's recovery.

Let us take the official report of one asylum:

"The records for 1923 showed an incidence of tuberculosis, and the mortality therefrom about double the mean of all mental hospitals, and the incidence of dysentery was nearly four times the mean rate throughout the country.

"It is probable that overcrowding constitutes a material influence towards the production of this result. Although the dietary has been improved of late, it is still in many ways deficient.

"It is, indeed, probable that a further improvement in this particular would be another factor tending towards the reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis and dysentery."

### *Mere figureheads*

In our opinion, the Board of Control in London should be reconstructed, and have power to supervise these matters. As it is, they are mere figure-heads, who visit asylums once a year without real authority, because the local authorities pay the piper.

And most emphatically is it our opinion that the Civil authorities should be immediately relieved of the care of the 6,000 ex-Service men patients who should be placed in special institutions controlled by the Ministry of Pensions, when ample measures would be readily forthcoming to make their lot happier.

It is the plain duty of the Government to tackle this disgraceful position without delay, and fulfil its obligations to those who have suffered in the service of their country.

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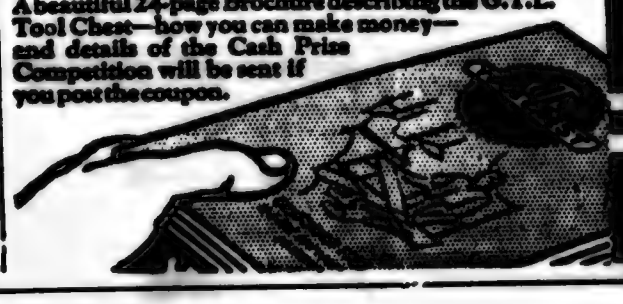

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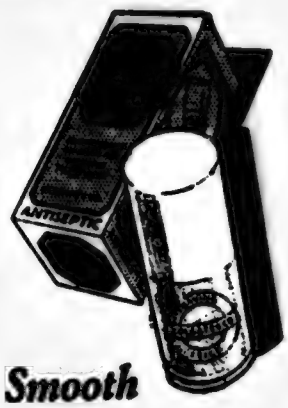


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We have shown the extent of the privileges enjoyed by ex-Service "private" patients in asylums, but we feel it would not be fair if we omitted to state that in one asylum, where the medical superintendent is an ex-Service man, permission was obtained to use a special ward for the men where they would be able to get full value for the money provided by the State for their care.

This excellent and just arrangement met with the boisterous approval of the Ministry of Pensions, which has always maintained that its ex-Service men are well cared for in public asylums. In fact, the Ministry goes further than that.

### *Amazing information*

It proudly announces that its travelling inspectors—less than four in number—pay periodical visits to all the asylums in the country and that any ex-Service men in these institutions, however insane he may be, on the visit of an inspector can make a request to see him. This piece of information is amazing!

But where the ex-Service men patients suffer most is undoubtedly in the present overcrowding conditions in mental asylums.

There is a serious lack of accommodation, let alone a lack of requirements needed for proper classification to meet alarming demand, as stated by Sir Frederick Willis, the late chairman of the Board of Control.

A medical superintendent, in the present circumstances, cannot have sufficient time at his disposal to study the cases under him.

If there is no proper classification, there can be no organisation to arrange real curative treatment which will enable the medical man to watch the progress of his patient's recovery.

Let us take the official report of one asylum:

"The records for 1923 showed an incidence of tuberculosis, and the mortality therefrom about double the mean of all mental hospitals, and the incidence of dysentery was nearly four times the mean rate throughout the country.

"It is probable that overcrowding constitutes a material influence towards the production of this result. Although the dietary has been improved of late, it is still in many ways deficient.

"It is, indeed, probable that a further improvement in this particular would be another factor tending towards the reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis and dysentery."

### *Mere figure-heads*

In our opinion, the Board of Control in London should be reconstructed, and have power to supervise these matters. As it is, they are mere figure-heads, who visit asylums once a year without real authority, because the local authorities pay the piper.

And most emphatically is it our opinion that the Civil authorities should be immediately relieved of the care of the 6,000 ex-Service men patients who should be placed in special institutions controlled by the Ministry of Pensions, when ample measures would be readily forthcoming to make their lot happier.

It is the plain duty of the Government to tackle this disgraceful position without delay, and fulfil its obligations to those who have suffered in the service of their country.

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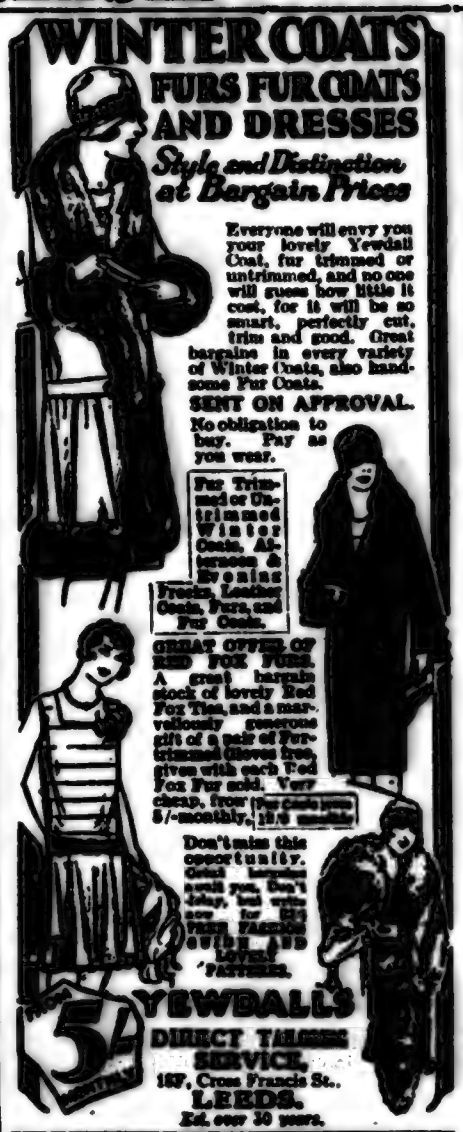
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*The Sentence of the Court*

# STOP *the* RADIUM RAMP!

## Cancer and the Congo

ARISING out of a case of highway robbery, of which surgeons and hospitals throughout Europe are the victims, Lord Cushendun, British representative on the League of Nations, pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of being an accessory after the fact.

"Although their implications are truly appalling," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the facts can be very concisely stated. Cancer is the most terrible disease which afflicts mankind. Radium, promptly and properly employed, is a proved cure for many forms of cancer. The present price of radium is £24,000 a teaspoonful.

"Why is this precious boon so tremendously costly? The answer, on the high authority of the medical superintendent of the Radium Institute, is, 'There is a very distinct corner—a monopoly.'

"This monopoly has been established in the Belgian Congo, where a company which controls the Kantaga fields has driven other concerns out of business and is now able to charge what it likes for radium. And the price it chooses to charge is £12,000 a gramme!

"These facts have for long been known, but the accused has made no effort to secure action by the League of Nations against this monopoly, having, apparently, been too busy splitting financial hairs, befogging the 'Geneva atmosphere' and diluting the 'Locarno spirit.'"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that those who dealt with radium commercially were under a moral obligation not to charge exorbitant prices. Was it suggested that the League should acquire the world's supply of radium? If so, he (counsel) could only say that the idea savoured unpleasantly of Socialistic confiscation.

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"The position at present," said Mr. Justice Bull, "is much the same as if all the life-saving apparatus of a seaside town were in the hands of a soulless monopoly, with which would-be rescuers had to haggle before going to the rescue of a drowning citizen.

"The League of Nations has already concerned itself with such horrors as the white slave traffic, and it is no less necessary that it should grapple with this radium ramp.

"The prisoner and his fellow econo-'miser,' Mr. Mocker-Lampson, have hitherto been too intent upon moving reductions in the wages of League office-boys or the milk allowance for League cats. They have now an opportunity for worthy service in putting an end to this iniquitous blockade of the ports of health.

"Since the noble and voluble lord, despite pious lip service to the contrary, has proved so consistently unsympathetic to the cause of general disarmament, he should be able, without risking a charge of inconsistency, to attack a state of affairs which too often results in the compulsory disarmament of surgeons and hospitals in their war against cancer.

"Unless the prisoner takes immediate action on these lines, I must direct that he be handed over, handcuffed and leg-ironed, to the tender mercies of Brigadier-Admiral Winston Churchill, which ornament of the Bricklayers' Union doubtless has not forgotten that Lord Cushendun, in his House of Commons days, once hurled a book at him."

# SET SARAH YOUNG FREE!

## *The Liberty Thieves*

HERE, if ever there was, is tragic proof of how unnecessary official interference can bring misery, grief and despair into the heart of a family.

It is the story of how a young girl lost her honour, then her child—and then her freedom. It is a case into which the responsible authorities should make immediate investigations.

Sarah Young, was a delicate child of seventeen, when the tragedy began. She did what little she could to help her widowed mother, who keeps a small general store in a side street at Bromley (Kent).

*Mother Ignored*

The girl was under the care of her mother's doctor for a considerable time, for she occasionally had serious lapses in health.

It happened that she secretly met a man, with whom she became foolishly enamoured.

Her mother was ignorant of the intrigue, and many months elapsed before it was discovered that the girl was in a serious condition.

Her doctor ordered that she be removed to the Bromley Infirmary, and here she gave birth to a daughter which, unfortunately, quickly died. This was in February, 1926.

She was kept under the control of the guardians at the Certified Institution, West View, Tenterden, until in September, 1926, she was removed to Whittington Hall, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire (the Incorporation of National Institutions for Persons Requiring Care and Control).

And there, until the present time, she remains, despite her own wish to return home, and also despite her mother's desire and ability to support her.

*Sara'i Young*

The mother, convinced that her child was not in any way mentally affected (other than dazed at the tragedy that had befallen her), made every effort to secure the daughter's return.

She even addressed a petition to the King, but received a reply from the Board of Control stating that her daughter was being detained in a "place of safety."

The Board of Control also informed her that she would be invited to agree to an order for the girl's detention under the Mental Deficiency Act.

If she did not do so, it would be necessary for the "Judicial Authority either to make the order without your consent or to hold that your consent has not been unreasonably withheld, in which case your daughter will be returned to your care."

The mother, convinced that she should have the guardianship of her child at such a crisis, and assured by a private doctor that she was mentally sound, staunchly refused either to sign or to agree to the official request.

*Curt reply*

The result was, however, that Sarah eventually found herself certified and detained at Whittington Hall.

Although the order was to "operate in the first instance for a period of one year," Sarah's freedom seems as far off as ever, and the grief of her mother is increasing.

In response to her last request for information, Mrs. Young received the following curt reply:

"The County Council cannot recommend her discharge from the Whittington Hall Institution at the present time, as she requires the care and supervision which she is receiving there."

Derbyshire is a long way from Bromley, and Mrs. Young is only rarely allowed to see her daughter occasionally, seven days' notice in writing being required, and only then if the proposed date is found to be "convenient."

We are sorry for both mother and daughter. We admire the pluck of the former in refusing to be robbed of her daughter in her old age, and we trust that the case—not the only one of its kind with which we have had to deal—will immediately be revised by the proper authority.

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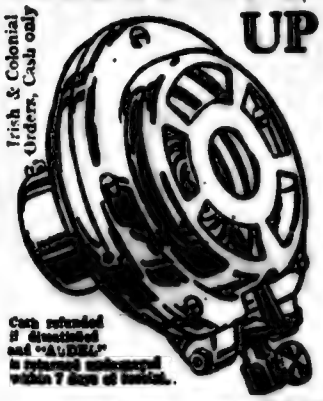

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*Words Winged to Women*

# LIFE'S WELL WORTH LIVING

## *The Girl with the Key*

*by* MABEL HORNER

*Miss Gladys Waldron, daughter of the Mayor of Pudsea*

IN Kingsway, almost within sight of the office of JOHN BULL, a girl of sixteen has just flung herself from the window of a tall building, to be dashed to death on the pavement.

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Merely the chance occurrence liable to happen to any happy-go-lucky young person in business, yet this nice young girl, in a pique and a pet, marched straight out of the room and flung herself to death.

And it transpired at the inquest that she had often dwelt upon self-sought death, and had even discussed with her fellow-workers the quickest means of suicide.

World-weary, sick and hopeless of life, before life with its wonderful mysteries, its openings, and opportunities had ever been tasted.

Unhappily, hers is no isolated case. A wave of juvenile suicide has been sweeping London. Coroners have remarked the same dread phenomena in other places.

### *Throwing up the sponge*

A young girl who could not have a fashionable new black hat, but had to put up with one of her mother's to wear at a funeral, committed suicide.

A young man cut himself while shaving and, in a fit of extreme petulance at his appearance, jumped out of his window to death.

Another, irritated that no one could tell him for certain what the next world was like, jumped into the Thames to find out for himself.

There is no need to multiply instances. All have one terrible trait in common. The life is held cheap because those who fling it recklessly away have never realised that it is a training-ground, nor what a joyous thing a full and busy life can be.

They think of life in terms of eating, sleeping, earning a living, with perhaps a bit of amusement thrown in.

When amusement fails, or the work that earns a living becomes difficult or trying, they are up against a blank wall in a moment.

Having no outlook beyond their own noses, they throw up the sponge in disgust. They are, of course, temporarily insane.

### *Biased advice*

Now it is because this sort of insanity is so easy to prevent that I am troubled about it and addressing these words to the girls and younger women.

There was never a moment in the history of our great country when you counted for more.

You are in the thoughts of every politician trying to win a seat in the House of Commons. You are being courted from ten thousand platforms.

This should interest the girl of sixteen quite as much as her elder sister. She should be thinking what she wants to do with her vote.

Here is a letter from one of you that has stirred me deeply. I fancy the writer is a factory worker. She says:

"By the time the General Election comes round thousands of us girls will be eagerly looking forward to recording our first vote.

"The trouble is that thousands have not thought very much about politics and they want guidance.

"Another trouble is that every newspaper in the country is 'all out' to capture the new vote, but all are Party organs and so their advice is biased. All we girls want is information and then to think for ourselves.

"We want to know what we are voting for, not merely for whom. We are tired of evasive answers to serious questions. And we are even more tired of men and women who think all girls are frivolous and scatterbrain.

"We turn to JOHN BULL as an independent journal that will give us girls of twenty-one and over lucid, clear, straight-from-the-shoulder talks on what girls should know of politics."

### *The great secret*

From this splendidly sane letter I turn to the smiling face of Miss Gladys Waldron, who at twenty-one has grasp enough of municipal affairs to win a constituency and become London's youngest councillor.

It will be an inspiration in the months ahead to give my young friends in factory, office and mill the kind of guidance for which they ask. For it proves that girls have found the great secret, that life is not given for selfishness, but service.

Grasp that principle, and whatever difficulties and hardships may be met, there will not be world-weary, "fed-up" feelings of despair, but the jolly sense of having a real stake in the country, and rising to one's highest and best to grasp it.

*Homely Wisdom*

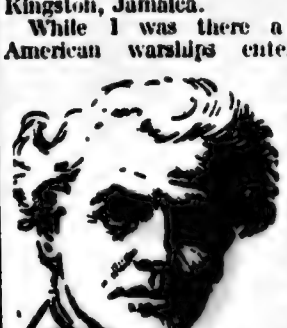
*by* The Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

# TOO MANY "DON'TS"

## *Prohibition or Inhibition*

SHORTLY after the Great War I went on a voyage to the West Indies and stayed for a time at Kingston, Jamaica.

While I was there a squadron of American warships entered Kingston Harbour and many of the officers and crew came ashore. The admiral and some of his colleagues from the flagship made several calls at the hotel where I was stopping and I struck up an acquaintance with them.



*The Rev. R. J. Campbell*

They were a friendly lot, and if I had allowed them to do so would have shown me unlimited hospitality on board their vessels.

There was much talk in the newspapers just then about American designs on British West Indian possessions.

It was said that the United States Government was anxious to acquire these at the price of a considerable reduction of the war debt owed by Britain to America and which we are now finding so burdensome.

With this in mind, I jokingly asked the admiral one day whether he and his fleet had come to take possession of Kingston and run up the Stars and Stripes.

"No sir, no sir," was the answer; "we are not annexing anything. But ours is a dry country and we find it necessary now and then to take shelter under the British flag to get a drink."

THE American naval men were certainly acting in the spirit of this confession, for most of them appeared to be taking full advantage of their opportunities of consuming alcoholic liquors without official interference.

I did not feel proud of the fact, nor am I proud to know now that British subjects in the West Indies and north of the Canadian border are making money by rum-running in defiance of the laws of a friendly neighbouring nation.

Prohibition in the United States has been a daring experiment. It is too early to call it a failure; we shall be in a better position to estimate its success or failure a generation hence.

There is a generation growing up in America that has never known the taste of alcohol, and no doctor would say that it is any the worse physically for the deprivation.

Is it the worse morally? That is another question, the answer to which is more doubtful.

IT is not good for any man to be prevented from doing a thing which he sees no special harm in doing. If law and public opinion do not harmonise, there will always be a temptation to break the law, and that is what seems to be happening in America now.

Also evil forcibly suppressed in one direction is apt to erupt in another. We all know this in our own experience.

Inhibition is always of more value than prohibition. Do you see the distinction, reader?

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# WHEN POVERTY STINGS

## *Home v. Hospital*

A WONDERFUL photograph of a vast new hospital has just been published. It is at Davyhulme and is being completed for the guardians of the Barton-on-Irwell Union for the use of their Poor Law patients. It has been planned with scientific care and is beautiful and comely.

It is surrounded by green spaces and guarded by tall trees. It has open-air verandas, wards for the separation of infectious cases, and well-appointed units for maternity and infant welfare.

Yet, because it is a Poor Law institution, many people will regard it as quite a disgrace to be treated there. There is ingrained in the poor of this country a "horror of workhouses."

The words have been used a dozen times in letters to the "Home Forum" this week.

This "horror" would be all to the good if it was confined to the able-bodied men and women who are fit and able to earn their own living. There ought in such cases to be an even bigger "horror" of the Poor Law than there is.

Independence is the finest attribute the British race can boast of, and it is every man and woman's duty to work their fingers to the bone if needs be to preserve that honest, traditional independence.

But when "horror" of the workhouse is extended to the institution itself, and actually wreaks harm on the helpless and invalided, then it becomes a foolish, illogical thing, and is very much to be deplored.

"Do please help me to keep my three children out of the workhouse," writes a man to the "Home Forum" this week. "The guardians are trying to take them from me, and as a father I cannot face that. What can I do to keep my three kiddies out of the workhouse?"

This father has no home, he is out of work and on tramp. He writes from a "temporary" address to which it is useless to reply.

Until he is in work again and able to get a home together his children would be very much better in the Poor Law institution. There they would be clean, fed, educated and looked after.

There is no cruelty whatever practised on Poor Law children to-day. Their lot, especially when they are placed out in scattered homes, is a thousand times better than that of the ill-nourished, overcrowded slum child.

"My mother has been bedridden for years," writes a harassed spinster of fifty." She is turned eighty-five, but she is a huge woman, helpless as a baby, and I feel the awful things I have to do for her no nurse would do without treating her cruel.

*One of London's homeless babies, spending its days in the streets, when it would be much better in an institution until its parents can make it a home*

"So although it is becoming impossible for me to manage, I would rather die than take the guardians' advice and send her to the institution, for that would kill her, too."

Frankly, this is nonsense. It is actually cruel to keep this aged woman in a tiny, poverty-stricken cottage, with two people starving together on one old-age pension, when a clean, bright hospital, with kindly attention and cheerful company, is offered.

The old lady would be happy there, too. Poor Law nurses are among the most devoted of their kind, and many an aged person whose care has been a torment to those who love them best has lived to enjoy many a merry moment in the institution.

In such cases the "horror" of the workhouse is a mere foolish and childish obsession.

*Mothers in Council*

# DO WOMEN *Tittle-Tattle?*

MRS. M. E. HOYLE, of Dawel, Meliden, Flintshire, thinks that when women chat together their subject is always the shortcomings of another woman who is absent.

"A famous philosopher once said that if two women formed a friendship it was merely to make themselves into a coalition against a third.

"When neighbours gossip over the backyard fence, it is more often than not about the doings of another neighbour who doesn't happen to be present. A little more imagination is needed.

"'That Brown woman' may be 'an old frump,' but perhaps it was sorrow that silvered her hair, and the troubles that sharpened her once rounded features may be hidden within her own heart.

"Of course, 'Mrs. Jones' may be a 'snob trying to be somebody when she is nobody,' but she may be putting up a plucky fight against poverty for all that.

"Neighbourliness is a very great virtue. The pity is that women should ever outrage it by harsh criticisms that usually have no foundation in fact."

The sound sense of Mrs. Hoyle is worth pondering. When women gossip spitefully it is because they have not better things for their brains to bite on.

This is what makes it important to join some organisation where sensible subjects are discussed, the Women's Co-operative Guild or a women's institute, for instance.

Neither of these has either religious or political bias. Women meet on common ground for mutual help and improvement. And wherever such groups are started happier homes and better child welfare are soon noticeable in a neighbourhood.

Women who need more interest and sociability in lives that are becoming drab should just get together and try it.

*Women Who Dared*

# INNOVATORS

NO woman visitor to these shores ever aroused more popular interest than Queen Souriya of Afghanistan. People admired her beauty, her wonderful dresses, her perfect manners.

What they should have been most impressed with were her brains and the changes for the better her courage will bring to thousands of less fortunate women.

*Queen Souriya*

For Queen Souriya, realising what Western civilisation and Western education are doing for the freedom of women, was in no mind to go back and be content to see her own womenkind enslaved.

Her mind revolted against the dirt, the untended illness, and the slavery and ignorance of their lives. She dared to be publicly unveiled to show Afghan women that they have the right to show their faces in public.

She set on foot a rapid change from heathendom. Afghan women are not to be any longer married without their own consent. Polygamy is to be abolished. Girls' schools are to be established and hospitals for women organised.

Her danger in all this is extreme. It pays the priests of ancient cults to keep tribal customs unchanged.

Men accustomed to treat women as purchasable cattle do not like seeing them raised to the rank of citizens with rights.

No one knows this better than Queen Souriya, but she dares to go on. She has sent fifteen Afghan girls to Europe to learn to be doctors.

Her life may even pay forfeit, but for women she has already changed the face of Afghanistan and set the door of freedom wide open.

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*[Correspondents who wish their home problems treated in this column are invited to write to Mabel Horner, The Home Forum, JOHN BULL, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.]*

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## *Fifty-fifty Failures*

"I HAVE read with utter disgust," writes a man reader, "the persistent and pernicious championship of women in the 'Home Forum.' Great heavens! Are all women good and all men bad?

"I am married. My wife never did a hand's stir for me. All she wanted was a free time and my money. Now she has got a judicial separation and an order for maintenance. I have to pay her 30s. a week as long as she lives or I live."

It is impossible to portion out blame in this case, further than to say that it is very unlikely that a magistrate would order a man to pay a separated woman 30s. a week if there was nothing at all to be said on her side.

There are many such cases, fifty-fifty failures to run in double harness. If neither has another love, why not talk this dreadful failure over together and just start again? Both were in love once and—more curious things have been known than falling in love all over again!

Far more appealing is the quiet, despairing letter which reaches the "Home Forum" from a railwayman who is struggling to keep together a home for his children who have a drunken mother.

"She pawns her household things for drink. She neglects the children. Yet I do not want to separate. I want her just to mend her ways so that once more we can be happy all together."

What is wanted here is a kind, wise woman friend who will range herself alongside this poor mother and try to interest her in better things.

When a woman gives way to drink it is a terrible lure, but she may be won to better things by an appeal to pride, if given with friendship, where reproach and blame would just worsen the evil.

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## A Son's Ordeal

YEARS ago, when we were children, my father left my mother in order to take up a position abroad as a mining engineer.

For a while she received a good allowance from him and then it suddenly ceased. Enquiries brought to light the fact that he had removed and left no clue to his whereabouts.

This was very terrible for my mother, and she imagined him dead until a few years ago, when a letter was received stating that he was stranded in Nigeria, and that he was destitute.

In the interim, however, my mother had become greatly attached to a man who had looked after us all, and she, naturally assuming herself free to do so, was contemplating matrimony with him.

Other letters were received from my father asking for money, also his return-passage, which accordingly we sent.

To our surprise, he did not arrive, but remained in Spain, and announced his intention of opening a business, for which purpose he required a little money until he was well on his feet.

After a while correspondence and acknowledgments of the money ceased as before, and finally we decided to stop the allowance until we had further news.

Enquiry elicited the information that he had actually boarded a boat for England, but as time went on we were still without news, and my mother's attachment for her friend grew, though she could not bring herself to marry him because of the lingering doubt concerning my father.

**A Tragic Discovery**

My difficulty is this: I was engaged on post-mortem work some months back and one morning was horrified at discovering that the body of the man on which the autopsy was to be performed was that of my own father! It was he beyond a doubt.

The body was found in a common lodging-house, and only the presence of an old emergency certificate stating his name and calling proved his identity.

Apparently he had returned to England, learned of our prosperity, whereas he to all intents and purposes was down and out, and this was his motive in not visiting us. His death was a natural one and due to heart failure.

I have been cogitating whether to inform my mother, but the idea of a son performing a post-mortem on his own parent seems indelicate, to say the least, and might outrage my mother's feelings.

Subsequently further letters purporting to have come from my father arrived from Spain; these contained requests for monetary assistance, but I learnt that they were written by a Spanish woman with whom my father had been living and who had borne him three children. They were destitute.

*HUMANIST says:*—Certainly inform your mother of your father's death. Indeed, you have no right to withhold the information from her. It should, of course, be substantiated by the "emergency" certificate and a copy of the death certificate.

It is difficult to see how her feelings could be hurt, since she obviously wishes to remarry, and there is no reason why the autopsy should be mentioned. After this, she will know that any letters from Spain are fraudulent.

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MY husband, a conscientious and hard-working fellow, had a very unpleasant experience last Saturday night. He invited me to accompany him for a walk into the town, but I was not willing to take the children out through the crowded streets, so he went alone.

**Over-zealous Detecting**

He left at eight o'clock and returned at ten. On his way to the market, a quarter of an hour's walk, he bought a watch-case for 4½d. and ½ lb. of toffee.

As he was about to cross the road a man tapped him on the shoulder and demanded his name and address, which at first he declined to give, not knowing the man's authority for asking.

It transpired the man was a detective and insisted upon my husband accompanying him to the station.

The police demanded to know where he got his watch-case, for whom the toffee was bought and where he got his purse.

His finger-prints were taken and a pair of boots which had been given him were regarded with suspicion because they had rubber heels.

In all the eleven years of our married life, in which we have experienced many hardships, poverty and sickness, we have not asked a penny from anywhere.

Therefore you may judge how hurt my husband was at the treatment meted out to him, especially at the crowning insult in the parting shot of the detective, who said he might go home and that he was lucky to be able to do so.

*HUMANIST says:*—If your husband's experience was exactly as stated, and no previous conduct of his had given rise to suspicion on the part of the police, his course is obvious.

He should tell the whole story to the local Chief of Police, who, for the honour of his colleagues, would call for an enquiry into the whole circumstance.

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WHEN I wasten years of age my mother died, leaving my younger brother and myself to the mercies of a drunken and dissipated father.

Within a short period of my mother's death, he brought different women into the home, whom he ordered us to call "mother." My obstinate refusal incurred his hatred and thus began a series of awful thrashings.

**Child Cruelty**

I was stripped naked and lashed with the buckle-end of his belt, and scarcely a week passed without my being beaten, until my little body was a mass of bruises, cuts and sores, so much so that for very shame they took my clothes away to keep me out of range of neighbours.

This state of affairs lasted for a space of eighteen months, until one night I resolved to run away.

The next morning, cold and hungry, I committed my first theft, and in order to maintain myself continued to steal.

Making the acquaintance of some girls, I found myself, at the age of thirteen, in the hands of the police. On this occasion I was not stealing, but would probably have taken a share in the disposal of the goods.

At the station, I was told to go home, but I begged to take my chance with the others. Thus a prison-cell sheltered me over the week-end.

It was without exception the warmest and most comfortable habitation I had known for months past. I pleaded with the officer to have me sent away, because I was homeless, but never dreamed how my entreaties would be interpreted.

My sentence was four years in a reformatory and twenty-one days' hard labour. Surely out of all proportion for a waif of thirteen!

This determined me never to get into the hands of the police again. Later I was sent to a home, where I made good and later was found a situation, which I ultimately left to marry.

My husband turned out a drunkard, and after seven years died a dreadful death by accidentally drinking poison.

Five years later I remarried, but this is my present difficulty: on leaving the home I changed my Christian name, but mischance has forced us to take rooms in the district where the trouble occurred.

My husband, knowing nothing of the affair, staggered me one evening by asking if my banishment to a reformatory for theft was a rumour.

I denied it because my six children were present at the time, but I am now terribly unhappy at having done so, for if I confess as I wish he will now brand me as a liar as well as a thief.

*HUMANIST says:* It is a pity you did not open your heart to your husband long ago, for the actual criminals were your cruel father and step-mother.

Confide in your husband now and invite him to seek confirmation of your life-story by making enquiry in the district in which you lived as a child.

If he loves you and possesses a spark of humanity, he will not only forgive your deception, but strive to wipe out the memory of your childhood's sorrow by a greater devotion in the future.

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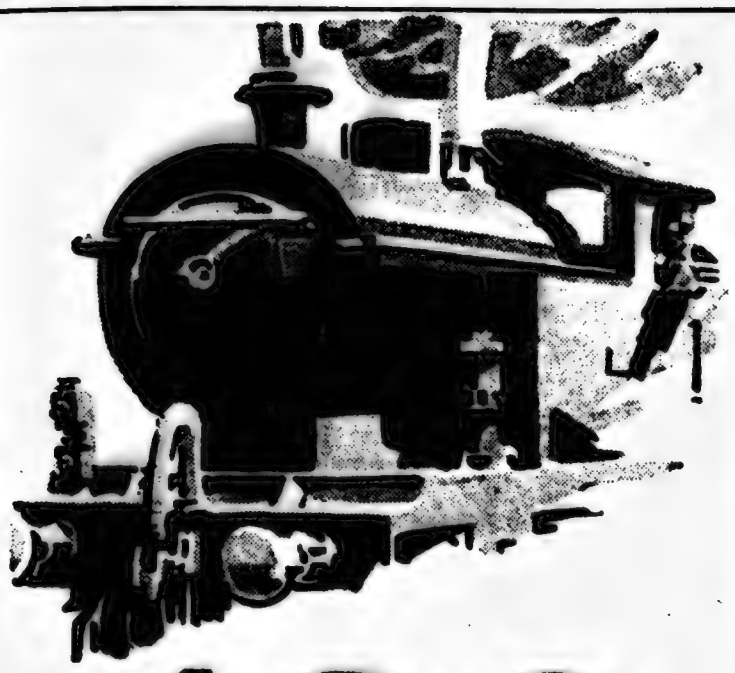
**Sweated Labour.**—If your wife was paid only 1s. 5d. each for making and finishing evening frocks for an Aldgate firm, she should report the facts to the Inspector of Factories, Home Office, S.W. Such sweated labour is scandalous.

**Man or Child.**—A man who would urge the mother of his child to offer it for adoption so that they may marry without encumbrance is hardly likely to prove a considerate and loving husband. I strongly recommend your friend to keep her little one and let the father go.

**Not Cricket.**—You may, as you say, have a right to the joys of life, but you have no right to another man's wife, and I would urge you to play the game according to the rules. The wife has her remedy if her husband ill-treats her.

**A Noble Thought.**—Your stepmother appears to have been intolerably cruel to you in your childhood, but if her present sad plight has awakened your pity, by all means help her, but at the expense of your own personal comfort, not that of your wife and children's.

## Criminal by Cruelty



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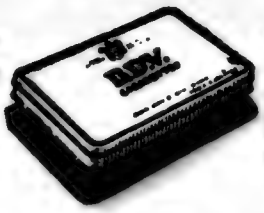


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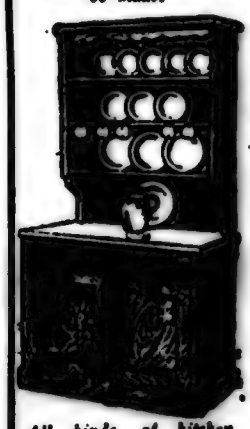

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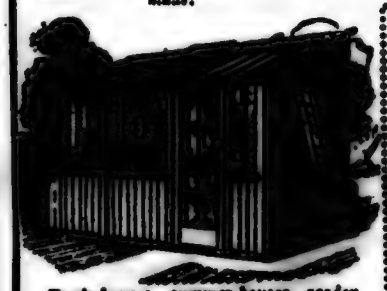

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THE people who annoy me are the busybodies on business bodies, the back-slappers and buttonholers, the back-butterers and back-biters, the barmy bugbears with bees in their bonnets, the brayers against the brewer, the brute that ill-treats his beast, the bold bad buccaneer, the bores of the boarding-house, the Britons that imagine they are bright, the boasters that are always bragging of their brads, and all the other busy bees that buzz about our abode.—*W. W., Ipswich.*

## Moving with the Crowd

Of all the folk who raise my ire are those who are continually excusing themselves. They go through life trying to offend nobody. Should such a tragedy happen they are profuse in their apologies. Lacking the courage of their convictions, they readily agree with everybody in general and move with the crowd. While not advocating arrogance or bumptiousness in life, give me a person who sticks by his guns in face of all adversity.—*J. M. H., Midlothian.*

## Always Too Late

I have one pet aversion. His tribal slogan is, "I told you so!" He invariably backs "long shots" the day after the race, and comes up smiling with the curative medicine the day after the funeral. His stock-in-trade is a barrowful of after-thoughts, the freshness of which is as pungent as perfumes from a bloater show. His chief characteristics are the forehead of an imbecile, the brain of a microbe, and the brazen impudence of a Bolshevik.—*C. W., Berks.*

## Fetish for Foreigners

Those who can see no good in anything English or no hope for the British Empire annoy me. They regard America and American methods with awe, hail with applause any foreigner (provided that his name is sufficiently hard to pronounce), and completely ignore any unfortunate compatriot of theirs who may be doing the same thing, probably better and certainly with less boosting. People who long for American administration and methods should remember Chicago—and think again.—*T. V. H., Gloucester.*

## Wasters!

I have an ambition to succeed in a certain walk of life. I know I cannot because I am not gifted with the essential capabilities. The persons who annoy me are those I know who possess the natural ability to succeed, but are content to remain in a state of apathy, and allow the golden opportunities (which I cherish) for service to slip by unheeded.—*E. E., Penygraig.*

## Awkward Little Fellow

My "pet aversions" are food poisoners, "light weight" champions, hypocrites, blackmailers, moneylenders, quacks, tale-tellers, wife-beaters, shrews, militarists, Party politicians, teetotallers, drunkards, debauchees, gluttons, misers, egotists, thieves, liars, Puritans, infidels, flatterers, sluggards, drudges, meddlers, cowards, bullies, fops, slovens, pessimists and super-optimists—all excellent "examples," I venture to suggest, for "bullets." But there's a little fellow called Conscience, who annoys me almost as much with his dismal repetition of the query, "Is all well with yourself?" Perhaps I should deal with him first.—*J. G., Montrose.*

## Juggling Journalist

Those journalists who can write with such consummate skill, but who employ their brilliant gifts in defence of the forces of social oppression; those preachers of undoubted ability who can rise wonderfully to the heights of oratory, but who preach a woefully adulterated gospel: those politicians who occupy positions of prominence and who have the power to abolish poverty, but who lamentably lack the will—such people are a serious annoyance to me.—*C. H. W., Barrow.*

## Wicked Tattling

The person who annoys me most is the one who "makes a thread into a rope." She gets hold of some trifle in connection with someone, and every time she tells the story it is a little bigger. I knew one such who was told about an incident that happened in a neighbour's house. It was but a trifle, but before this woman had finished with it she had separated a husband and wife, branded a child with the stain of being illegitimate and cast a stain even on the memory of the dead.—*T., Bruff.*

## Beans for Beef

Those who annoy me are inconsistent faddists of every creed and colour: bachelor bishops with £2,000 a year who condemn birth-control; anti-vivisectionists who caress chows and care little for children: prohibitionists who would make me drink tea although I want beer, and vegetarians who would give me beans when I want beef; share-holding Socialists who preach a millennium round the corner, and slum-landlords who talk of "Bolshevism hiding beneath the surface"; clerics who sign a creed which they have lost and critics who condemn a faith which they never knew—in fact, all the hypocrites who say that "truth has many sides," even Premiers.—*T. F. M., Widnes.*

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## Points from Letters

I have never seen more than one glass from which to drink on any chairman's table at public meetings.—*W. H., Preston.*

People who are only in each other's company for amusement never like each other so much as those who work together.—*E. M., Birmingham.*

Sometimes I have had to be almost rude to shopkeepers to get a word in edgeways.—*J. H., Lowestoft.*

If Uncle James leaves his fortune to charity he will annoy me more than anyone.—*H. T., Nuneaton.*

The man who is always boasting of his conquests among the girls is either a liar, a libertine or a fool.—*L. M. B., Cornwall.*

My pet aversion is the person who keeps up an everlasting Pow of absolute piffle.—*H. J., Worksop.*

Of all the unmitigated humbugs and unwarranted intruders commend me to the political canvasser.—*N. B., W. Didsbury.*

When in a humorous mood no one on earth will annoy me.—*I. H. T., Cathays.*

I escaped "shell-shock" "out there," but am nearly Klaxon-shattered over here.—*J. R. G., Notts.*

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## No "Specs."

All in every detail except that I wear glasses, I am prohibited from going to any of the Dominions under the assisted-passage schemes. Why should this be so? For that one defect, am I considered to be inferior to others blessed with keener sight? It would be understandable if the Dominions required all new settlers to be potential soldiers, but as they have signed a treaty at Geneva renouncing war, it is beyond my comprehension.—*Four Eyes, Rotherham.*

## The Cup that Cheats

Is it not enough that one should be poor, without being insulted merely because of one's poverty? A circular is being issued by a large tea firm, offering certain concessions for Christmas. Among these advantages is a low-priced tea put up "specially for the poor." It is distinctly stated that the tea is intended to be given away. Does this mean that the "rich" are warned not to drink it themselves, because the quality is as low—or lower—than the price?—*H., Leeds.*

## Nothing Like Leather

It is time that something was done to oust the production of shoddy boots and shoes. After much scraping and self-denial, poor persons find the necessary money to secure footwear which looks decent when new. After a week or so the soles are worn through, and the harassed mother is worried because they have worn badly after she had worked hard to save the money. I suggest that all footwear should be stamped "Real reliable leather" under an Act of Parliament.—*L. J. B., Croydon.*

## Death to Rats

Rats do a tremendous amount of damage annually, and to counteract this we organise an occasional "rat week." Why a week? I suggest that local authorities should encourage regular monthly hunts, and give prizes to the biggest weight of rodents caught, with a consolation prize of a halfpenny a corpse for non-winners. The cost would soon be saved in the amount of damage prevented, and in the general improvement in the health of the community.—*Hygiene, Cardiff.*

## "A Fleet in Peril"

In regard to an article of mine entitled "A Fleet in Peril" in JOHN BULL of September 22, the [illegible] which I stated applied to Scotland only. This would have been apparent had you not omitted the following paragraph in the article: "The fishing industry in England and Wales is large and important, but there is no country in Europe, with the possible exception of Norway, in the economic life of which the fishing industry bulks so large as it does in that of Scotland. . . . Consequently a few illustrations drawn from the conditions of the Scottish fishing industry will give a general indication of the position throughout the whole country."—*Archibald Sinclair, Caithness.*

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## *Likely Long-Shots for Derby and Manchester*

WE can have one more big splash before the curtain rings down on this year's flat-racing season, for the "list men" are offering tempting prices on the Derby Cup and the Manchester November Handicap.

I USUALLY say "No" to the ante-post November double, as fog, frost, and snow have played havoc with the Manchester race during the past half a dozen years, but I have my little flutter all the same, and convert it into a starting price double.

A BACKER who wins over the Derby Cup, can play up the spoils on the second leg. If the Manchester race is abandoned, he retains his Derby Cup winnings. On the other hand, with an ante-post double, the bet is void unless both races are run. It is very annoying when you stand to win a small fortune over the last big race, not to have a run for your money. However, the main point is to spot the winners.

AT the moment of writing, Lord Derby's Cap-A-Pie is a sound favourite in the ante-post lists for the Derby Cup, and is not likely to be dislodged. Major Sneyd holds two strong cards in Sir Joshua and Troubadour, and Joe Lawson's pair, Blackness and La Sologne, are also to be feared.

*Joe Lawson, the Manton trainer*

I THINK the winner will spring from this nap-hand, and I suggest taking a chance with the lightly weighted La Sologne, whom I know to be quietly fancied. Blackness took the prize to Manton last year, when Alec Taylor held the reins, but with a 10 lb. penalty picked up at Liverpool last week the filly appears to be overburdened.

LAST year the final event of the season went to the appropriately-named All Over. It was a coincidence tip, and was backed accordingly, starting a joint favourite. For the same reason I think Adieu will carry plenty of money in the last big handicap. Twelve months ago Wal. Griggs' colt finished second in the race to Old Orkney, but he is a disappointing customer.

WEST WICKLOW is nicely in, and I think if L. Todd, who, by the way, has taken over most of Captain Hogg's horses while the latter is abroad, reserves the four-year-old for the race, it will be another triumph for Ireland. The gelding's fourth in the Cesarewitch was really his best performance over here, although it was the only time he had missed a place. I suggest for the double, starting price, or ante-post:

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MY French correspondent tells me that Charlier, the trainer of the Cambridgeshire winner, has been making experiments in training to develop stamina combined with speed, and he believes that in the case of Palais Royal II he has succeeded. That is why he said his horse would have won the Cambridgeshire had it been any distance from five furlongs to five miles. Charlier hopes that Palais Royal II will meet Fairway for some of our best prizes next season, as he holds that the St. Leger form was all wrong.

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IF my mail-bag does not bring me a number of posers every week, I feel that I have been robbed of doing a little bit of hard work. I am seldom disappointed. This week a number of punters who backed the favourite the last race at Wolverhampton, on November 5, want to know how they stand.

THE last race on the card was the Shrewsbury 'Chase, and was abandoned owing to fog. Backers virtually timed the race, consequently their bets are void. They are *not* on the favourite in the fifth, or last, event to be run.

SOME of the nuts I receive are not so easy to crack as the above. One reader asks why a jockey is not allowed to weigh-in with his whip. This was barred over fifty years ago, when the rider of Ellington, a "Classic" winner, just managed to pass the scales by the aid of his whip—a gentle persuader, weighing about 7 lbs. The Jockey Club decided that make-weights of this description were hardly reasonable.

THE Editor of *The Sporting Life* has handed over to me a letter from one of his Cardiff readers, who recently shared a first prize of £20,000 in the *Sunday Graphic* competition. The man from Wales, Mr. F. Johnson, of 22, Wyeverne Road, Cathays, Cardiff, is an ardent admirer of *The Sporting Life's* Racing and Football Weekly Edition. In his letter he says:—

"I THINK it only fair to recommend a paper that has been of great assistance to me. Your paper contains much useful information for competitors in a condensed form. Your League tables of results and fixtures are wonderful time savers, in which we have all we want to know at a glance about fixtures past and future." It is evident that *The Sporting Life* Racing and Football Weekly Edition assisted Mr. Johnson to put the coup into his coupon. It may do the same for you, if you give it a trial.

FRANK BARE, in addition to being one of the winning code selections, hit the mark for the week-end winners at A. P. If we do as well at Hurst Park on Saturday, there will be no complaints. White Maize is my selection for the Sheen Plate. Waterkoscie may pop up at a long price in the Autumn Plate, and I suggest Alone for the Mitre Selling Race.

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THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Derby, Everton, Huddersfield, Manchester C., Sunderland.

AWAY WINNERS.—Newcastle.

DRAWS.—Arsenal v. Aston Villa, Sheffield W. v. Liverpool.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Bradford, Chelsea, Grimsby, Notts Forest, Stoke.

AWAY WINNERS.—Millwall, Tottenham.

DRAWS.—Clapton O. v. Middlesbrough, Swansea v. Notts Co., West Bromwich v. Preston.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Cowdenbeath, Falkirk, Hibernians, St. Johnstone, St. Mirren.

AWAY WINNERS.—Celtic, Hearts, Glasgow Rangers.

DRAWS.—Hamilton v. Queen's Park, Partick v. Aberdeen.

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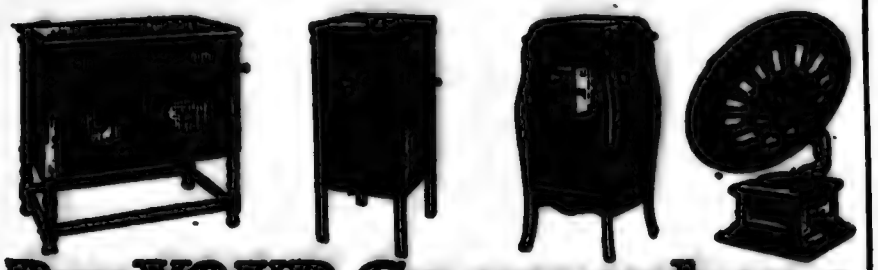

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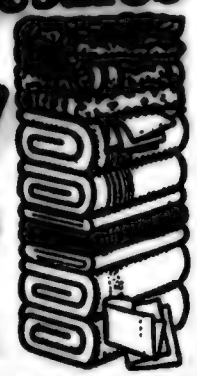

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*Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in our last issue.*

*This week's Puzzle is on page 12.*

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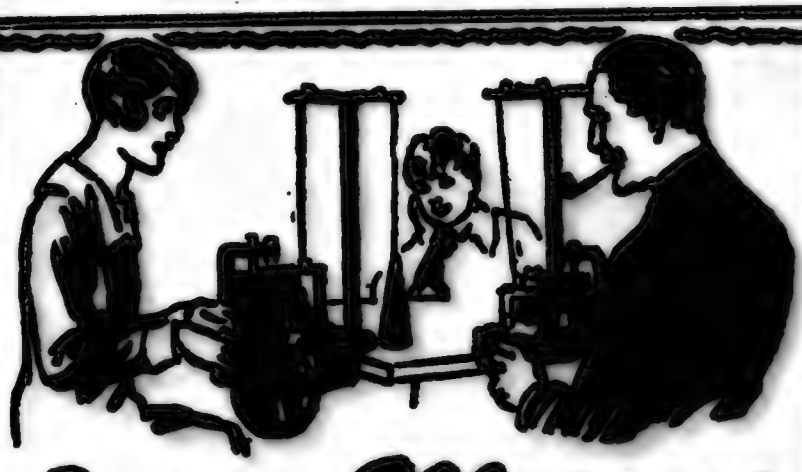

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*THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.*

R. N. (Poole).—"I must get a good lawyer." Better get a few good witnesses.

G. W. (Glasgow).—"My fiancée is as pretty as a picture." Hand painted?

R. W. (Ayr).—"My wife can take a joke." Obviously. She is your wife.

F. K. (Westcliff).—"Are U.S.A. pencils any good?" They have their points.

L. R. (Omagh).—"I could give you a few wrinkles." And never miss 'em, we'll be bound.

T. L. (Caterham).—"I'll knock the fellow's brains out." Bet he can't retaliate on you.

COLONIAL (Strand).—"What commodity sells best in England?" Experience. Everybody has to buy it.

C. P. (Shrewsbury).—"She was tried and found wanting." What on earth does she want now?

W. G. (Bradford).—"I played better a year ago." A year ago you wrote and told us so.

H. H. (Halifax).—"A camel can go for a week without a drink." No wonder it's got the hump!

A. D. G. (Brockley).—"She said she doted on me, and then married another." It is evident he was an antidote.

T. G. (Brighton).—"The girl who imitated me was an idiot." What a splendid mimic she must be.

I. B. (Blackpool).—"I am out for shorter hours." We presume you mean fewer of the same length?

MARTHA (Carmarthen).—"The hole wasn't in my stocking when I went out." Where was it, then?

W. T. (Claypool).—"My wife's at home every Wednesday." And where does she live during the remainder of the week?

F. Y. (Rugeley).—"A woman is always willing to share a man's lot." If it is a lot.

MRS. G. (Gosport).—"I have no taste for winter sports." Switzerland will be in despair.

W. F. (Rochester).—"Though turned seventy, I can still touch my toes." Good; we know many much younger fellows who can't make ends meet.

W. T. (Clapham).—"Postmen are warmly clad by the Government." The one that brings our mail comes in with heavy pants.

A. Y. (Hove).—"I made some angel cake, but my husband wouldn't eat it." Perhaps he was afraid it might make him one.

JOYCE F. (Lewisham).—"As he was leaving, he bent down and just touched the top of my head with his lips." So you got a little kiss at parting?

E. H. (Sheerness).—"I suppose the chief reason why girls try to take snapshots of famous actors is because they want to attract attention." Yes, but it's only the cameras that click.

S. G. L. (Settle).—"I was married in 1914." Also the date of another disaster.

W. O. (Exeter).—"The lady swore at me." Then she was no lady.

S. C. (Fambridge).—"I wish I were dead." Did she marry or refuse you?

MRS. D. (Barry).—"Many gunmen live in America." But not for long.

O. R. (Kilburn).—"I presume you will see me if I call." You certainly presume.

D. L. (Bolton).—"Cotton shares run up and down." In fact, cotton reels.

Y. P. (Tipton).—"The policeman was very polite." Did he kiss you before tucking you up in your little cell?

E. N. (Southchurch).—"I could never take my own life." If you did, it would take all the life out of you.

H. G. (Basingstoke).—"I met my wife at the Oval, Kennington." Caught and bowled!

MOLLIE (Hove).—"Give me a car to keep me in the open air." Give us a car which gets us home eventually.

ARTIST (Chelsea).—"Not one purchaser in ten knows a good picture from a bad one." That's lucky for you.

A. B. (Bolton).—"Jazz is just noise." Lots of people think it is unjust noise.

H. A. (Yarm).—"I owe a lot to my teacher." Pay him.

D. H. (Islington).—"I wish I had lived in prehistoric times." So do we.

F. P. (Edmonton).—"Every little helps." Yes, but it only helps a little.

H. L. (Preston).—"He loves me still." Then try not to fidget.

E. C. (Didbury).—"I respect my ancestors." We hope your descendants will do the same.

G. C. (Wakefield).—"I've written you a dozen times in all." We hope that *is* all!

L. D. (St. Albans).—"She has lost her youth." Did she introduce him to somebody else?

H. H. G. (Hartlepool).—"I flatter myself I am cleverer than you." You do!

S. E. (Darlington).—"Where was the Petition of Rights signed?" At the bottom of the page.

T. P. (Cardiff).—"Why did you tell me I hadn't a leg to stand on?" Your argument was so lame.

C. W. (Colchester).—"He is engaged to four girls to my certain knowledge." Cupid must have bought a machine-gun.

H. K. (Peckham).—"Are you always even tempered?" Only at odd moments.

T. R. (Radlett).—"She is crazy to become my wife." Well can we believe it!

T. D. L. (Hull).—"I have invented a record which will talk for hours." Adam gave a rib to get a similar result.

L. J. M. (Eastbourne).—"There seems to me to be too many new brands of cigarettes nowadays." Yet most of them seem to get themselves well puffed.

E. L. (Maidstone).—"My little boy hid in the cellar, and kept us hunting for him for hours." And did he have another hiding when you found him?

S. S. B. (Halifax).—"I was in the middle of a meal when he called." You should have kept him waiting till the meal was in the middle of you.

G. L. (Leeds).—"I would like to say a word for the Government." And we could tell you the word if we weren't a family journal.

M. H. (Goole).—"Can you give me a good thing for next Saturday?" No—but we can give you some good things for Christmas Day. See page 43.

D. G. (Selby).—"She was late, and there I was standing like a fool." But she is not responsible for the way you stand, you know!

V. N. (Twickenham).—"The tailor turned my suit so cleverly that I have recommended him to all my friends." Quite right—one good turn deserves another.

W. R. (Plymouth).—"When my recital began I found an audience crowded to the ceiling." And how much of it did they stand before they crowded to the doors?

"DRAMATIST" (Clapham).—"I can't make out why the manager doesn't see that some of the actors he is engaging for my play are unsuitable." We suppose it's because he has got a cast in his eye.

G. N. (Partick).—"I don't know you." Never mind. How are you?

T. S. (Doncaster).—"What do you think of talking films?" They speak for themselves.

M. T. (Herne Hill).—"A thousand wouldn't buy the book I have just written." And we are one of the thousand.

DORA (Southsea).—"I think I have met you." Gracious! Are you *the* Dora?

A. M. (Thornley).—"We were engaged, but she has deceived me." You have been hugging a delusion.

MRS. G. (Hoxton).—"We never have sauce at our table." You evidently have the children well trained.

H. N. (London, E.).—"He won't look me in the face." Perhaps his nerves aren't very strong.

P. G. (London, S.).—"Rheumatism costs this country £5,000,000,000 annually." It isn't worth it.

F. G. (Hackney).—"Father always stands right in front of the fire." Isn't he afraid of his legs warping?

H. N. (Maidenhead).—"A man is judged at an hotel by the luggage he has with him." And by the baggage he has with him.

D. N. (Edgware).—"At the meeting my wife was asked to say a few words." How ridiculous! As if she could say a *few* words!

*(Many replies unavoidably held over.)*

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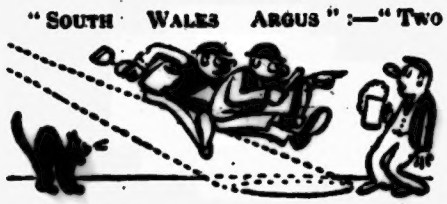

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"ABERDEEN PRESS AND JOURNAL":—"A death's head moth WITH A WINK SPREAD OF FOUR AND A QUARTER INCHES has been caught at Wigan."

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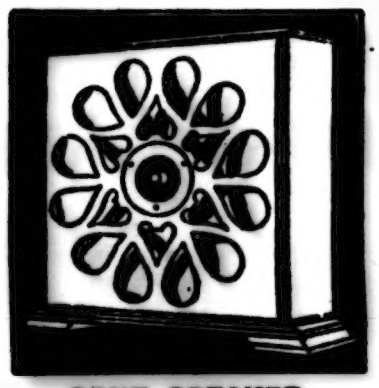

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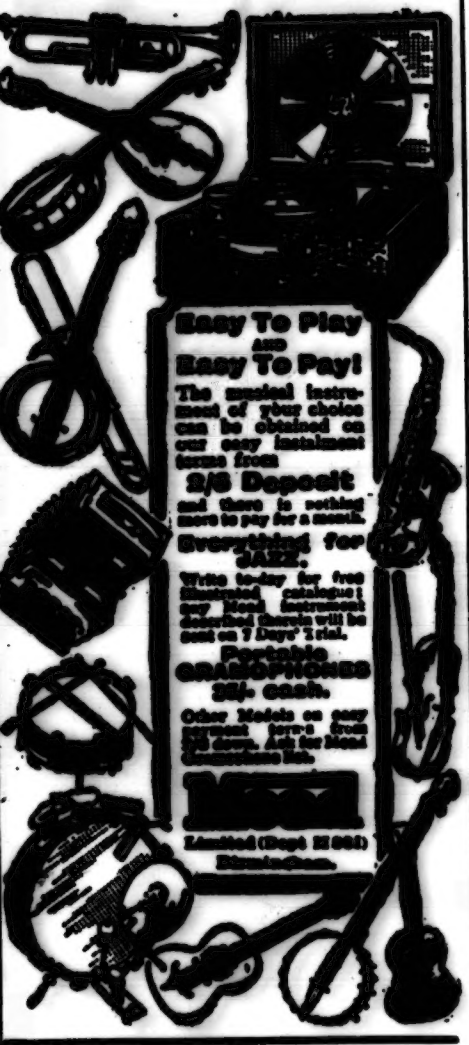
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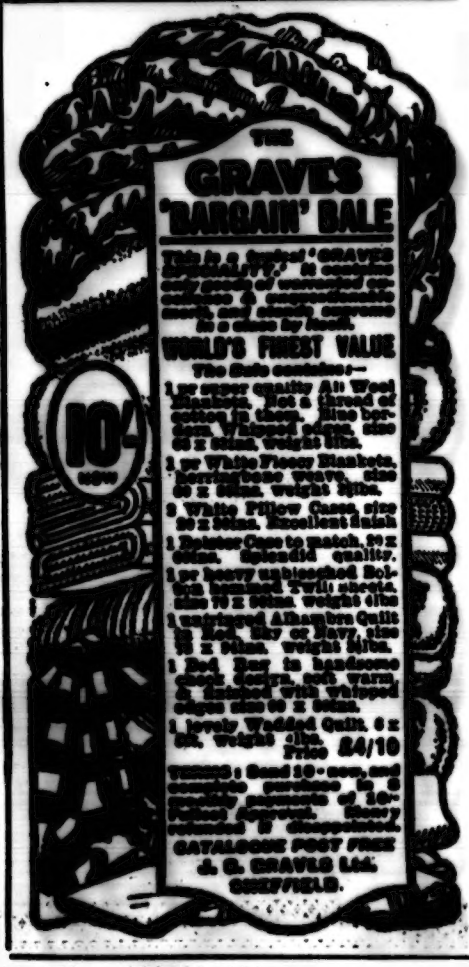
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"It is this: That one evening all of us (and, doubtless, there are hundreds of your readers) should give up one evening's amusement—pictures, theatre, or concert—and send the ticket-money to you for use in 'The Greatest of These' Fund.

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"And, Mr. Editor, if you would print an appeal, and arrange a definite evening (or week), you would be gratified at the result. If only a hundred sent, that would mean a little relief for someone. And, if successful, why could we not have 'an evening off' monthly or quarterly?

"Do think of it, please, and spare the space in your paper to make it known.

"One sixpence sent is not much. But if you get a few hundreds sent, *someone* would have a bit of fire, and some food and clothing for the kiddies.—Yours gratefully,

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*Our Cross-Word Corner*

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. To maltreat.
4. More secure
8. To quote.
12. Possess.
13. Happen.
14. Electrical unit.
15. Slender.
17. The sea.
19. Empty.
20. Subterranean passage.
22. Publicly.
25. Origin.
26. Heavenly object.
27. Fast.
29. Mode of engraving.
33. Number of ten.
35. A call.
36. Fish spawn.
38. Sudden bound.
39. Testified.
41. Molten rock.
42. Extend.
43. Overt.
44. Free.
46. Odd.
49. About.
51. A stag.
52. Incursion.
54. Kind of blue.
56. Kind of poem.
59. Precious stone.
60. Speak.
62. A Mexican.
64. Small island.
65. Nimble.
66. A crowd.
67. Affected grim.
68. Room.
69. A fair.

### CLUES DOWN

1. Nearly all.
2. Boring tool.
3. A standard.
4. Tea-cake.
5. To assent.
6. Fire food.
7. An age.
8. Large hollow in the earth.
9. A metal.
10. "Heads or ——."
11. Whirlpool.
16. Kind of grape.
18. Nil.
21. Want.
23. Household utensil.
24. Say.
26. Mark of a wound.
27. Poisonous snake.
28. Land.
30. Leather strap.
31. Fireplace.
32. A brute.
34. Ingredient of paper.
37. Pertaining to sheep.
40. Departed.
41. Caught.
43. Verbal.
45. Liquid precipitation.
47. German coin.
48. Treating of love.
50. A wood.
53. Extreme unction.
54. To wind in a ring.
55. A bundle.
56. Ancient Scandinavian legend
57. Docile.
58. A garment.
61. A tap.
63. Possessed.

*The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on page* 39.

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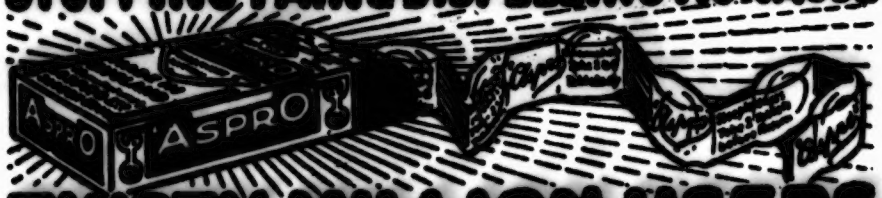


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